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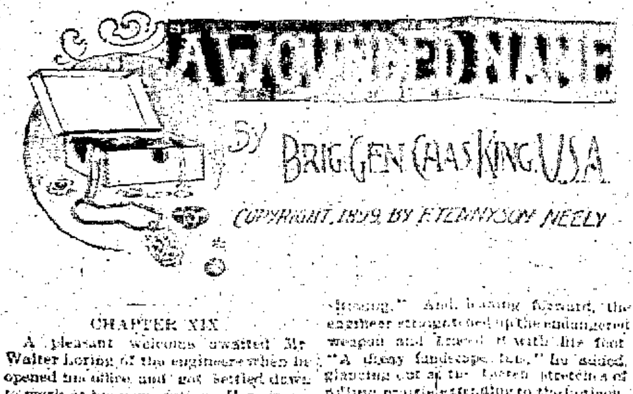
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CHAPTER XIX.

A pleasant welcome awaited Mr. Walter Loring of the engineers when he opened his office and got settled down to work at his new station. Here was a commanding general who knew something of his past, whose nephew was with him at the Point, and one at least of whose aids had found reason to respect him highly, even though they had differed as to the site for the new post, and the engineer had seemed to take far more kindly to the companionship of an unheard of sub in the cavalry than he did to the society of two men so distinguished in the department as Major Burleigh, depot quartermaster at Gate City, and Brevet Captain Omaha Stone, the aid in question.

Burleigh had surprised the aid by a display of great interest in and an impatience to meet the newcomer, who had hurried out from Omaha with but a day's delay, and who overtook them at Fort Frayne after riding by night through the mountainous region of the Medicine Bow with only a single trooper as attendant and escort. Burleigh had been civility itself, thought Stone, and had plied the taciturn engineer with question after question about officers whom he knew and matters he seemed to know along the Pacific slope. Mr. Loring was evidently a bit surprised, and replied courteously though very briefly. Burleigh did all the talking the first day's drive in the big ambulance over the rolling open prairies north of the Platte, giving Stone no chance at all.

He enlivened the occasion and relieved the tedium of the journey with anecdotes of the general whose command Loring had recently left, and Stone, his chief of staff, and "Sizer"—"that dashed fool Petty," he called him—and Burleigh had nothing good to tell of any of them, and much that was derisive, if not detrimental, of all. Loring listened with neither assent nor dissent, as a rule, though when appealed to he said he had no opportunity to study the characteristics, as described by Burleigh, as he had spent most of his short service there surveying in Arizona, and saw little and knew less of the officials in San Francisco. One man of whom Burleigh spoke with regard and regret was staunch old Turnbull, whose sad death by drowning in the surf off Pinole the quartermaster referred to several times. He seemed familiar, too, with the story of Loring's conduct the night of the collision at sea and the sinking of the Idaho and referred to that more than once in terms of commendation. They stopped for luncheon and to bait the mules and to give the cavalry escort a brief respite, and it was after this that Burleigh, as though suddenly reminded of something, began:

"I don't know what made me think of it unless it was Stone's speaking of New Orleans a moment ago, but did you meet a long legged fellow named Blake in Arizona? I knew the girl that drove him out there. One winter she was in New Orleans while her father was commanding the monitors moored at Algiers—Miss Terrence. Saw her afterward in New York. She married old Granger, you know." Granger was about Burleigh's age, but Burleigh was a widower and desirous of being considered young. And Stone wondered why Loring should look disquieted if not embarrassed.

"I met Blake, yes," was, however, his prompt reply.

"How's he standing it? He was a good deal cut up at first. They were to have been married last summer. He was regularly engaged to her and never knew she'd thrown him over until he met Granger in St. Louis."

Then Loring did a thing they both noted was unlike him. Ordinarily he listened courteously until the question was finished. This time he broke in.

"Blake is in his element doing cavalry duty. We had a lively chase together after an officer who was deserting to Mexico."

"So you did," said Burleigh, with interest. "I remember hearing of it. You were on his escort, weren't you? Why, what was the fellow's name? I remember having met him in New Orleans, too, when I read the order to the court. Let's see. You were judge advocate, weren't you?"

"Yes. And his name was Nevins."

"Ah, yes! Dismissed, I believe. What ever became of him? There was a rumor that he had died."

"So the consul at Guaymas reported," was Loring's brief reply.

"Well, was it never settled? Wasn't it proved in some way? I heard a story that his wife had followed him out there. She was a dashed sight better lot than he was. I met her more than once in New Orleans. She came of good

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family, but she was stranded down there by the war. They say she had a younger sister who bled her to death—a girl she was educating. I remember Nevins told me something about her. That fellow had some good points, do you know, Loring? He behaved first rate during the fever epidemic—nursed more'n one fellow through. He said that that sister was a beauty and selfish to the core, and he wished to God she'd marry some rich man and let them alone. Didn't you—didn't I hear that they were out there and that he made some dramatic scene before the court and sent his wife his valuables or something of that kind?"

Loring was slowly reddening. He more than half believed that Burleigh had heard the story set afloat by the gossips in San Francisco and was trying to draw him out. His tone, therefore, was cold and his answer brief.

"They were there, but I never saw them. Pardon me, major, your pipe is going." And, leaning forward, the engineer straightened up the endangered weapon and braced it with his foot. "A dreary landscape, this," he added, glancing out at the brown stretches of rolling prairie extending to the horizon.

"Very. All like this till you get over toward the mountains. Then it's fine. But, isn't it really believed out there that Nevins is dead? What became of his wife?"

"She went back to New Orleans, I was told. If Nevins isn't dead, he at least hadn't been heard of up to the time I left."

And several times again that long afternoon did Burleigh return to the charge and speak of Nevins, and more than once during the busy days that followed, but by the time they started on their return he had probably concluded that Loring really knew no more about him, and once or twice, when Blake and his love affairs were mentioned, Loring seemed unwilling to hear. Stone pondered over it not a little before they got to Reno on the back track, and there it was that Burleigh had demanded to be sent right on to Frayne, despite fatigue, for something had come to him in this mail that filled him with dismay, as the major commanding told them a dozen times over. Moreover, Mr. Omaha Stone became gradually convinced that Loring was in partial possession of the secret of Burleigh's stampede. Unless Stone was utterly in error Loring had seen somewhere before the handwriting of the superscription of the envelope Burleigh had dropped in his nerveless collapse. But Stone might as well have cross questioned the sphinx. Loring would admit nothing.

Yet it was of this very matter the engineer was thinking one soft, still evening soon after his return to department headquarters. His boxes had just arrived. He had found a fairly comfortable room away from the turbulent section of the new and bustling town, and equally distant from the domicile of Stone and his particular set. Loring never gambled and took little interest in cards. He was still "taking his rations" at the hotel, but much disliked it, and was seriously thinking of seeking board in some private family. The barracks were too far out and the roads deep in mud, or he would have lived and "messed" out there. The few boarding houses were crowded, and with an uncongenial lot as a rule. Private families that took two or three table boarders were very few, but some one suggested his going to see the rector of the new parish, himself a recent arrival.

The sun had gone down behind the high bluffs at the back of the straggling frontier town. The plank sidewalks were thronged in the neighborhood of the hotel with picturesque loungers as the young officer made his way westward and soon reached the outlying, unpaved, deep rutted cross streets. He readily found the rector, a kindly, gentle mannered widower, whose sister had come to keep house for him, and never before had either of them lived in a community so utterly primitive, if not uncouth. It was plain to be seen that he was a southerner, and in the joy of a few minutes' conversation with a young man whose language and manners bespoke the gentleman, Mr. Lambert speedily made known to him that his health had suffered in New Orleans and his physicians had insisted on total change of climate, and the great northwest was a new, untrodden field for the sons of the cross, of his creed at least.

He had read with admiration of the missionary work accomplished among the savage Indians by the church of Rome, but there were heathen rather more intractable than they, kept he, with a sigh. Mr. Loring was sympathetic, but already informed on that point. What he wished to learn was—did the rector know of any family among his parishioners at whose table he could find his daily bread for a reasonable consideration? Loring, as has been seen, was a man to whom the converse of his fellow men, as found upon our frontier, was neither edifying nor improving. He preferred the society of his own thoughts. The rector, the general (Colonel Newcome, it will be remembered, always accorded the head of column to the church), the adjutant general of the new department and one solitary subaltern of cavalry were the only men he had met since reporting at Omaha whom he found really congenial. But, then, it must be remembered that it was the early summer, and the troops were all afield.

The rector brought the tips of his fingers together and bowed his gray head, his characteristic attitude in reflection and repose. Yes, he knew of one, a woman widowed but a year ago, who was striving to keep her home by taking boarders and who perhaps could find room for him at her table. Already she had given shelter to a most estimable woman, a widow like herself, a woman of many sorrows whom he had well known during the troublous days in New Orleans, a gentlewoman, he might say, whose birth and breeding were apparent to the most casual observer, a Mrs. Fletcher, who had come to him for advice, and who, through his recommendation gladly given, had recently gone to a good position—a lucrative position—and a home at Gate City.

Loring was politely interested. But could the rector direct him to the house? He would call at once and make inquiries. The rector could, of course, but he was aging, and he loved a listener. He hated to let a hearer go. Might he ask if Mr. Loring was any connection of the general of that name so conspicuous in the service of the south in the defense of their beloved old creole city before the hapless days of Butler, though he must concede to General Butler that his vigorous administration of municipal affairs had cleansed and quarantined the city as they had never seen it done before? The similarity of name had suggested tha—

"None whatever that I know of," said Loring, finding it necessary to interpose. "And where is Mrs. Fletcher's?"

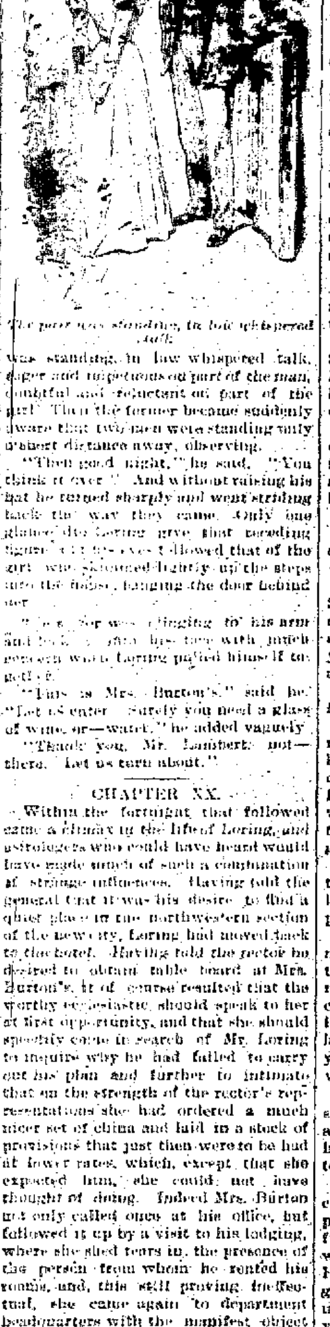
"Ah, to be sure! Mrs. Fletcher is the name of the lady who boarded there awhile, but she has gone to Gate City. Mrs. Burton it is—a worthy soul. Perhaps indeed I think a breath of air will do me good. I might walk around there with you."

So despite the remonstrance in his sister's eyes and Loring's respectful protest the rector got his hat and linked his arm in that of the young athlete on his left and led forth into the gloaming, prattling all the way. Soon they reached the cross street that led northward, parallel with the bluff line at the west, and against the twilight of the northern sky, the scattered houses, the few straggling saplings hopefully planted along the gutter, even the silhouetted figure of a long legged dog trotting across the road, were outlined sharp and clear, black against a lemon sky that shaded away imperceptibly into a faint violet. Long years after Loring could see the picture, and how, right in the midst of it, there rose slowly into view two black dots, the heads evidently of two pedestrians like themselves ascending from the north, with the whole wide Missouri valley at their backs, the pathway he and his genially chatting conductor were threading from the south, with only this gentle rise between, then perhaps 50 yards away.

It was interesting to the engineer to watch the gradual development of the shadows against the sky, coming slowly into view as the fairies rise to sweet, thrilling melody from underneath the stage in the transformation scene of the last act of the pantomime and spectacular drama beloved of our youth. Courteously inclining his ear to the monologue at his right, he kept his keen eyes fixed upon those coming figures. Slowly they rose, one that of a slender, dapper young man, the other that of a slender, graceful girl, and the long arms of the former as they swung in sight were in energetic motion, in emphatic gesture. Little by little the murmur at Loring's right dulled over his senses. Little by little the slowly approaching figures sharpened and fixed themselves upon his sight, until when the pair could not have been more than 50 feet away the rector looked suddenly up in alarm as Loring halted short.

"My dear young friend, how thoughtless I am! Are you not well? What is wrong?"

A big wooden house in whose windows the lights were feebly shining stood just a few paces back of the fence, back of the gate where now the pair



The pair was standing, in low whispered talk.

was standing in low whispered talk, eager and impetuous on part of the man, doubtful and reluctant on part of the girl. Then the former became suddenly aware that two men were standing only a short distance away, observing.

"Then good night," he said. "You think it over." And without raising his hat he turned sharply and went striding back the way they came. Only one glance did Loring give that receding figure, [illegible] followed that of the girl who [illegible] lightly up the steps into the house, banging the door behind her.

[illegible] was clinging to his arm and [illegible] his face with much concern when Loring pulled himself together.

"This is Mrs. Burton's," said he. "Let us enter. Surely you need a glass of wine, or—water," he added vaguely.

"Thank you, Mr. Lambert, not—there. Let us turn about."

CHAPTER XX.

Within the fortnight that followed came a climax in the life of Loring, and astrologers who could have heard would have made much of such a combination of strange influences. Having told the general that it was his desire to find a quiet place in the northwestern section of the new city, Loring had moved back to the hotel. Having told the rector he desired to obtain table board at Mrs. Burton's, it of course resulted that the worthy ecclesiastic should speak to her at first opportunity, and that she should speedily come in search of Mr. Loring to inquire why he had failed to carry out his plan and further to intimate that on the strength of the rector's representations she had ordered a much nicer set of china and laid in a stock of provisions that just then were to be had at lower rates, which, except that she expected him, she could not have thought of doing. Indeed Mrs. Burton not only called once at his office, but followed it up by a visit to his lodging, where she shed tears in the presence of the person from whom he rented his rooms, and, this still proving ineffectual, she came again to department headquarters with the manifest object of taking the general and his staff into her confidence, to the equally manifest dismay of the chief and the disgust of his adjutant general, neither of whom could check the volume of the good lady's words of woe.

Loring found his soldierly commander grinning whimsically when he dropped in to say good morning. The general was that rare combination—a devout churchman and a stalwart fighter. Time and money had he devoted to the building up of this little church in the wilderness, and the communion service was his gift. More than once had he knelt to receive the sacred elements from the trembling hands of the worthy rector and listen to Mrs. Burton's effusive "Amen!" on his left ere she parted with the cup that was then passed to his bearded lips. At the chancel rail all good Christians knelt in common and meekly bowed their heads, but when Mrs. Burton came up to headquarters with a tail of her own the general couldn't stand it, and said so to worthy Lambert, who remonstrated with the widow.

"Then the least he can do as a gentleman after deceiving me is to help pay for them things I bought on the strength of his promise to board with me," was that pragmatical person's reply, and this view of the case the energetic lady ventilated to her six boarders, and they to the flock. There was one boarder, a temporary sojourner only, who listened and said naught. But that was only another of her aristocratic, stuck up ways, said they. She was "a lovely young lady," as all admitted on her first timid appearance, and the three women who sat at table with her were eager to take her into close fellowship and confidence, and the two young men, clerking in the new stores no doubt, were as eager.

But it became apparent within 24 hours that she held herself above and desired to hold herself aloof from them, which led to a dissection of her personal charms on the part of the women and of her mental gifts on the part of the men. Mr. Lambert had commended her to the care of Mrs. Burton. Her board was paid in advance and no questions asked. She went to church and sang softly, but in a voice so exquisitely sweet and penetrating that it tempered the strident melodies of the devout *Omahaunas* and caused many a head to turn. She spent the first few days at the rector's or in her room. Then came a rumor with the rumor that she had a follower, and for two evenings she was seen with a strange young man pacing slowly up and down the walk, but never going into town.

Within ten days after Loring settled in Omaha Mrs. Burton's boarders were engrossed in just two topics—the young lady in the second story front and the story of the young officer who first would and then wouldn't be one of her number. No exception to this statement as to Mrs. Burton's boarders is made in the case of the damsel herself.

Loring frankly told his story as to Mrs. Burton to the general. He had merely asked Mr. Lambert if he could tell him of a place to board. Lambert had led him to Mrs. Burton's. He found it too far out and otherwise unsuitable, and had abandoned the idea. He had never seen Mrs. Burton or authorized any one to speak to her for him. The general laughed and said he understood it all, was perfectly satisfied and never thought of questioning him and satisfied he was for several days. Then suddenly it was announced that Loring had decided not only to return to the hotel for table board, but was actually rooming there, and the landlord of whom he had rented his rooms turned up with a grievance, at least his wife did, and when a woman has a grievance nine times out of ten the world gets the benefit of it. Mrs. Landlord came round to the chief quartermaster with her complaint.

It was a lovely summer morning. Lieutenant Loring had walked down to the office and raised his hat to the general as that genial officer was driven by behind his sturdy old team, and waving his hand cordially to the grave young gentleman who walked so erect, with such measured stride and with never a glance into the windows of the shops or bars. Loungers had no use for Loring. He never stopped to pass the time of day or suggest a toddy, and Loring had less use for them. Ten minutes later the lieutenant found the office in commotion, clerks and orderlies hastening about with grave faces, Stone and Stanton with the general in his room, the general himself pallid and mopping his wet forehead.

"This is horribly sudden," he said, as he thrust an open dispatch into Loring's hand. It was the brief announcement that the general commanding the department of California, the chief Loring had so recently left, had dropped dead at his desk the night before. Little as he had liked him, the engineer was shocked and grieved.

"It may make grave changes," said the adjutant general a little later. "It may send our kind and thoughtful chief to the Pacific coast and give us—who?"

"It will make one at least," said Stone impetuously. "It'll send that gallant Petty back to his regiment right here in Nebraska and give him a taste of service he will little like."

"Why do you say back, Stone? Where did Petty ever serve with it except when it was in the garrison of Washington?" asked the adjutant general. "You know him, I believe, Loring?"

"I know him—yes."

"Think he'd pan out well in an Indian fight?"

"He might."

"You're an optimist, Loring," said Stone, who was ever seeking yet never succeeding in the effort to penetrate the armor of Loring's reserve. "I believe you think even Burleigh would fight at a pinch."

"I'm sure he would," said Loring as he walked thoughtfully away.

"That's the dash, dashest man I ever met," said Stone in terms he never knowingly used in the hearing of his commander. "What he'll say to a man I can only guess from a letter Skinny wrote from Alcatraz after that row they had at Frisco. Of a man you can't get him to speak."

"We may have to," said the adjutant general to himself as he turned back to his desk and to a packet of papers and dispatches from Gate City.

It was a day of perturbation. Not ten minutes later the engineer was called to conference with the department commander and found him closeted with his chief of staff. "You were not favorably impressed with Major Burleigh," said he after a moment of silent study of the young officer's face. "Will you tell me why?"

Loring flushed and colored. He had spoken no word of Burleigh, except in answer to direct question. Stone must have seen his aversion and had possibly told of it.

"You dislike to, I see," said the general kindly. "Let me remove your scruples. Major Burleigh has been absent from his post without leave at a time when his services were urgently needed. His affairs are in a good deal of a tangle. It is believed that he has been making use of government funds. I tell you this in strict confidence. Do you know what caused his panic there at Reno and made him insist on being taken right on to Fort Frayne?"

Loring thought a moment, then said, "No, sir."

"Mr. Loring," said the general, "Major Burleigh has been an object of distrust for over a month. While he was away on this trip to Warrior Gap matters were brought to my attention that were of a grave nature. Investigations have been made. Major Bruce, at Reno, says you seemed struck by the superscription on the envelope of the letter he received there that threw him into such a panic. Would you know the handwriting, do you think?"

"Yes, general."

Silently the chief of staff held forth a note which Loring took and closely examined. It read: "Captain Newhall begs to assure the adjutant general, department of the Platte, that he meant no discourtesy in failing to register. He was unaware of the rule existing at department headquarters, and came here on personal business connected with certain real estate in which he has an interest, is on two months' leave from his station, New Orleans, and will register the moment the office opens in the morning, unless he should be compelled to leave for St. Joe tonight."

Loring looked up, puzzled. The handwriting was familiar, so was a form that he had seen vanishing in the distance one evening a week before, and something in the voice had had a familiar ring, but this name was new.

"To explain all this," said the adjutant general, "there was a dashing looking young fellow here for two or three days, drinking a good deal, down about the depot, on the flats and around the quartermaster's corrals. He said he was Captain Newhall of the Thirty-ninth infantry, and the general finally told me to send an aid to look him up and remind him it was his duty to call at headquarters and account for his presence. Between that night and the next morning he disappeared, and at last accounts was hobnobbing with Burleigh at Gate City. You know of him, I see?"

"Possibly."

"Then, general," said the chief of staff, with prompt decision, "the quickest way to get at the root of the matter would be to send Loring at once to Gate City."

The general thought for a moment.

"How soon could you go?"

"First train, sir."

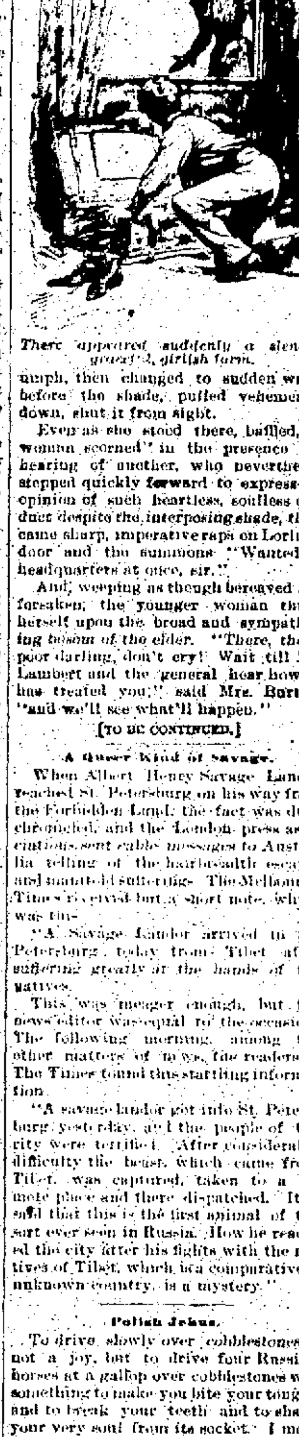
It was then too late for the single passenger express that daily went clanking over the prairies toward Cheyenne, but that afternoon was held a long conference at department headquarters which caused some wonderment among the officers not included, Stone especially, and there were many eyes on Loring's grave face as he finally came forth from the general's room and without a word of explanation went straight to his own.

"Wonder what he's been doing," said a man from the garrison who had happened in in search of news.

Stone shrugged his shoulders, offered no explanation, but looked volumes. An aid-de-camp should never reveal what he knows of other officers' affairs, much less that he knows nothing.

The night came on warm and stifling almost as the day. The window of Loring's room opened on the crude wooden gallery that ran the length of the hotel, and he kept it open from the bottom for such air as could be obtained. A note lay on the mantelshelf when he returned from the office late in the afternoon. This he had taken down stairs, inclosed it, unopened, in one of the coarse hotel envelopes, addressed and sent it by a messenger to Mrs. Burton's. At 10 o'clock at night, in his shirt sleeves, he was packing a valise, when at the open window on the gallery without there appeared suddenly a slender, graceful, girlish form, a fair face gazed appealingly, imploringly, in, and a soft voice pronounced his name.

Starting up, he stepped quickly toward the apparition. One instant the lovely face lighted with hope, joy, triumph, then changed to sudden wrath before the shade, pulled vehemently down, shut it from sight.



There appeared suddenly a slender, graceful, girlish form.

Even as she stood there, baffled, "a woman scorned" in the presence and hearing of another, who nevertheless stepped quickly forward to express her opinion of such heartless, soulless conduct despite the interposing shade, there came sharp, imperative raps on Loring's door and the summons: "Wanted at headquarters at once, sir."

And, weeping as though bereaved and forsaken, the younger woman threw herself upon the broad and sympathizing bosom of the elder. "There, there, poor darling, don't cry! Wait till Mr. Lambert and the general hear how he has treated you!" said Mrs. Burton, "and we'll see what'll happen."

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

A Queer Kind of Savage.

When Albert Henry Savage Landor reached St. Petersburg on his way from the Forbidden Land, the fact was duly chronicled, and the London press associations sent cable messages to Australia telling of the hairbreadth escapes and unnatural sufferings. The Melbourne Times received but a short note, which was this:

"A. Savage Landor arrived in St. Petersburg today from Tibet after suffering greatly at the hands of the natives."

This was meager enough, but the news editor was equal to the occasion. The following morning, among the other matters of news, the readers of The Times found this startling information:

"A savage lander got into St. Petersburg yesterday, and the people of the city were terrified. After considerable difficulty the beast, which came from Tibet, was captured, taken to a remote place and there dispatched. It is said that this is the first animal of the sort ever seen in Russia. How he reached the city after his fights with the natives of Tibet, which is a comparatively unknown country, is a mystery."

Polish Jehus.

To drive slowly over cobblestones is not a joy, but to drive four Russian horses at a gallop over cobblestones was something to make you bite your tongue and to break your teeth and to shake your very soul from its socket. I most solemnly assure you it was anything but a simple drive to one fresh from the asphalt of Paris, for, like Jehu, they drove furiously. Their horses are all wild, runaway beasts, and they drive them at an uneven gallop resembling the gait of our fire engine horses at home, except that ours go more slowly.

Sometimes the horses fall down as they drive across country, or stop only for stone walls or moats. The carriages must be built of iron, for the front wheels drop a few feet into a burrow every now and then, and at such times an unwary American is liable to be pitched over the coachman's head.

"Hold on with both hands, shut your eyes, and keep your tongue from between your teeth," would be my instructions to one about to "take a drive" in Poland.—*Lilian Bell in Woman's Home Companion.*

Not Quite Satisfactory.

A dog belonging to a west side family has the sociable habit of visiting throughout the neighborhood. During a recent wet spell the dog went over to a next door house and "tracked" mud all over the front porch. The woman of the house was indignant. She sent word that the dog was a nuisance. The woman who owned the dog was offended. She resolved to make the complaining neighbor ashamed of herself.

"Mary, you take a bucket of warm water and a brush and go over and scrub Mrs. Brown's front porch," she said to the servant girl. "Make it cleaner than it has been in a year."

The girl did as she was ordered. Mrs. Brown stood in the front door and watched her, not at all abashed.

"That's very nice," she said, when Mary had finished. "Now come around and begin on the back steps."

She kept the girl at work for two hours, and now there is a deadly feud.—*Chicago Record.*

A FIVE FRANC PIECE.

ONE THAT IS THE HOPE OF EVERY CREDULOUS FRENCHMAN.

The Story of Napoleon's Famous Coin and the Immense Fortune That is Popularly Believed to Be Concealed Within It.

If you happen to have in your possession the particular French coin known as a 5 franc piece, you may unwittingly be a millionaire.

Such, at least, is the belief shared by hundreds upon thousands of credulous Frenchmen and Frenchwomen, many of whom spend most of their spare time destroying quantities of 5 franc pieces in the hope of realizing a fortune.

Dr. Marco-Leonardo Nardet, the well known numismatist and one of the recognized authorities on coin lore, speaking of this curious condition of affairs, said:

"It is quite true that half France still believes in the existence of great wealth hidden in a 5 franc piece, although many numismatists hold that the fortune in question was long ago discovered and appropriated by one of the Rothschild family.

"The story of the strange 5 franc fortune legend may be briefly told. A 5 franc piece, to begin with, is a silver coin, and is worth about 4s. 2d. Napoleon I was very anxious to make the coin a popular one, and with this end in view he caused it to be circulated everywhere throughout France that he had inserted in one of the silver pieces before it left the mint a bank note or order for 1,000,000 of these same 5 francs—roughly, about £200,000. Whether he really did this or not I cannot say for certain, but the weight of evidence would seem to show that it was done.

"In the manuscript memoirs of the Duc de Feltre, Napoleon's minister of war, it is expressly stated that the emperor inclosed a note on the Bank of France, duly signed by the governor of that institution, in a split 5 franc piece; that the halves were then welded together, partially reminted and thrown in a heap of similar coins, which the emperor mixed with his own hands. These coins Napoleon took with him in a bag when he went to Boulogne and distributed lavishly en route, even dropping some of them out of his carriage windows. In this way it was impossible to keep track of the lucky coin.

"The news of this odd lottery spread far and wide, and the 5 franc piece leaped into immediate favor. From that day to this mutilation of the coin has been common in France, Switzerland, Belgium and elsewhere. Every year the Bank of France is requested to make good scores of pieces split in a vain search for the 5,000,000 franc bank note.

"There are many stories dealing with reputed finds of the fortune. Indeed when a man becomes suddenly rich in France it is common to hear people whisper, 'He must have found Napoleon's famous coin.'

"Some assert that the emperor kept the coin himself, but this hardly agrees with Napoleon's character. Still it is a current theory that some of the money which enabled Napoleon III to reach the imperial throne was found in the lucky silver piece, which his mother, Queen Hortense, had wheedled out of her brother-in-law.

"It was also common talk that General Boulanger had acquired the famous coin until the discovery that his money supplies came from the Duchess d'Uzes set that belief at rest.

"The most likely explanation as to why the 5 franc piece fails to turn up is that Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild, a French member of the great Jewish banking house, secured it. This account states that Baron de Rothschild, having investigated the tradition and found sufficient proof of its truth, deliberately set to work to locate the note.

"He quietly bought in and collected every 5 franc piece he could get, and his agents were notified to preserve and forward to Paris every 5 franc piece which reached them in Europe, Asia, Africa or America. In his office the baron kept three trusty men hard at work bisecting the coins.

"Some say that he had invented a plan for welding them together again so as to defy detection; others maintain that he melted down the silver and sold it to the government en bloc. The work was colossal, but in the end the baron's system is said to have conquered.

"He found the note for 5,000,000 francs, having spent nearly 1,000,000 to obtain it. The order was duly presented at the Bank of France and cashed by that institution.

"Plausible as this narration may seem, the great mass of Frenchmen refuse to credit it, and go on, year after year, splitting open their 5 franc pieces to look for Napoleon's note. It is certainly a tantalizing thought that somewhere in the world a check for £200,000 is knocking about hidden in an ordinary silver coin worth less than 5 shillings."—*Pearson's Weekly.*

Light From Sugar.

A phenomenon, the cause of which has not yet been satisfactorily explained, was described at a meeting of the British association. Disks of loaf sugar were mounted on a lathe and rapidly rotated while a hammer played lightly against them. An almost continuous radiation of light was thus produced from the sugar. It was shown that the light did not arise from heating of the sugar, and it is believed to be caused by some change taking place in the sugar crystals. The act of crystallization is known to be sometimes accompanied by flashes of light. The practical bearing of these experiments is on the question of the possibility of obtaining artificial light by methods as yet untried.—*Youth's Companion.*

In Sympathy.

"But did not the neighbors send you anything after the fire?" inquired the poor commissioner of the widow whose home and belongings had been totally destroyed three nights before by the relentless flames.

"Yes, sir," was the reply. "Mrs. Cleaver, across the street, sent me a beautiful drawn work doily with her card, and Miss Hushington, in the next block, a very pretty cut glass knife and fork rest."—*Detroit Free Press.*

Then George Subsided.

"I could never see anything great in your trip across the Rubicon," said Washington. "Now, when I crossed the Delaware I had to contend with a great mass of ice."

"Yes," replied Cæsar, "but look at the risk I ran of meeting a frost when I reached the other side."

And even one of the Roman senators smiled.—*Philadelphia North American.*

Big Loaves of Bread.

The largest loaves of bread baked in the world are those of France and Italy. The "pipe" bread of Italy is baked in loaves two or three feet long, while in France the loaves are made in the shape of very long rolls, four or five feet in length and in many cases even six feet.

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I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Prothonotary and Register and Recorder subject to the rules of the Republican party of McKean county.

C. W. MITCHELL.

Smethport, Pa., Feb. 16, 1899.

SHERIFF.

EDITOR MINER:—You are hereby authorized to announce my name as a candidate for the nomination of Sheriff of McKean County, subject to the rules governing the Republican party.

WM. B. CLARKE.

Smethport, Pa., March 6, 1899.

EDITOR MINER:—Please announce me as a candidate for the nomination of Sheriff of McKean County, subject to the Republican primaries.

BERT CHADWICK.

Smethport, Pa., March 7, 1899.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

EDITOR MINER:—You are authorized to announce my name as a candidate for the nomination of District Attorney, subject to the rules governing the Republican party.

C. W. [illegible]

Port Allegany, Pa., March 1st, 1899.

EDITOR MINER:—You are authorized to announce my name as a candidate for the nomination of District Attorney, subject to the rules of the Republican party.

JOHN F. MELVIN.

Bradford, Pa., March 4, 1899.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

EDITOR MINER:—You are authorized to announce my name as a candidate for the nomination of County Commissioner subject to the rules governing the Republican party.

ALBERT PETERSON.

Kane, Pa., Jan'y 3, 1899.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination of County Commissioner, subject to the rules governing the Republican party of McKean county.

J. C. CANNON, JR.

Lewis Run, Pa.

We are authorized to announce that C. W. Freeman of Kushequa is a candidate for the nomination of County Commissioner, subject to the rules governing the Republican party of McKean county.

EDITOR MINER:—You are hereby authorized to announce my name as a candidate for County Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Republican primaries.

MURRAY B. [illegible]

Smethport, Pa., March 9, 1899.

EDITOR MINER:—I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Commissioner, subject to the usages of the Republican party of McKean county.

A. M. BOARDMAN.

Derrick City, Pa., March [illegible]

EDITOR MINER:—You are authorized to announce my name as a candidate for the nomination of County Commissioner, subject to the Republican primaries.

WM. A. YOUNG.

Smethport, March 15, 1899.

COUNTY AUDITOR.

S. R. Bell of Kane announces himself as a candidate for County Auditor, subject to the rules governing the Republican party of McKean county.

A. L. Gallup of Keating township announces himself as a candidate for County Auditor, subject to the rules governing the Republican party.

HON. JOHN SHERMAN has arrived in Washington and is improving.

PLACE the honor of the State and the principles of the party above a boss.

A MEETING of the Republican county committee will be held in Bradford next Tuesday.

THE party in the State can get along without a boss, but it cannot long survive the predominance of the boss it has at the present time.

JUST wait till old Westmoreland gets an opportunity to speak for or against Quay rule, and the answer will be emphatically in favor of the old man's retirement to private life.—Greensburg Tribune.

THE robber tariff is still bowling along, increasing wages of workingmen and committing other highly reprehensible acts against the peace and dignity of the Democratic party.—Kansas City Journal.

THE investigations of the bribery committee grow more interesting every day. The disclosures by the members to the committee last Tuesday were of a most startling character. Let the good work proceed. It is time this one man power was ended.

When we three do agree
Who the candidates shall be
The other three had better be
Getting their eyes open, don't you see.

Oh, we are the whole thing in old McKean and those who do not bow to our august will shall be crushed under the Quay juggernaut car.

LOUISVILLE Courier Journal (Dem.): It is too, too bad. It is too beastly bad. The Senate gone. The House gone. The Presidency gone. Most of the States gone, with Coin Harvey merrily dancing upon the wreck, his hand stretched out for contributions and all the rest standing about the door exclaiming, "We'll take sugar in our'n."

NOTE the difference between Cleveland and McKinley times. Cleveland was compelled to sell $262,000,000 in bonds to keep up the supply of gold in the treasury while at the present time the treasury in Washington and the sub treasuries in different sections of the country are flooded with the yellow metal and the people will not accept it when it is offered, but insist on having the greenbacks.

THE victory claimed by the Quayites in Montour county is barren of results. The county committee without heeding the rules of electing State delegates, held a snap meeting—15 of the 35 members being present and selected a man with Quay brand and collar and furnished him with credentials to the State convention. The action of the committee is null and void and the county convention will choose a State delegate. There is no scheme under the sun that the Quay followers will not attempt to gain their ends.

BRYAN must be more convinced than ever that the times are bad when he reflects upon the fact that his own Nebraska is to be represented in the Senate by a sound money Republican and an expansionist at that. Matters have been reversed since 1896. Instead of his carrying the war into "the enemy's country," the enemy's country is carrying the war into him, and he has suffered the humiliation of defeat. He will have to emigrate farther west if he expects to keep out of "the enemy's country."—Erie Gazette. Let him try the Philippines.

WILKESBARRE Record: It is said that Mr. Jenks has advised Representative Spatz to make a clean breast of it and tell the whole truth about the bribery business. Mr. Jenks is the last man to give a Democratic member of the Legislature bad advice, but it is barely possible that Mr. Spatz cannot tell the whole truth without peril to himself.

IN 1896 the Democratic party split on 16 to 1. This year they are liable to split on the price of a dinner. They are certainly original, if nothing else, and are bound to bring out all the peculiarities that could possibly be crowded into the skin of Thomas Jefferson, for they all claim to be following in the footsteps of that eminent statesman. If they do he must have been a regular chameleon, to suit all their views.

BEFORE the Lancaster primaries were held the Quayites labored night and day to keep the question of Quay or anti-Quay out of the fight, and even went so far as to nominate three anti-Quay men for three of the best offices in the county, thus weakening the antis. They clearly showed that they were afraid of the issue. Now, after the battle is over, they publish with loud acclaim that it is a Quay victory. "Consistency, thou art a jewel."

HOW wonderfully pleased the Quayites are over the result in Butler county. They think they have two Quay delegates elected, but they will discover when the time comes that what they supposed to be ordinary barn-yard roosters, with the Quay brand attached, will turn out to be eagles over which they have no control. In their eagerness and anxiety to win, these groveling Quay followers hesitate at nothing and often overreach and bite off a larger chunk than they can masticate.

LAST Saturday Secretary of the Commonwealth Griest and his henchmen lined up their forces in Lancaster county and elected Quay State delegates. But it may turn out a barren victory ere the crop can be harvested. If our memory is not at fault such was the state of affairs last spring in old Lancaster. Twelve Quay delegates were elected, but when the State convention convened these twelve men walked over into the camp of C. W. Stone, and history may repeat itself in this case. There are certain things liable to transpire very shortly which will greatly influence the action of these delegates. Keep your eye on the indicator.

OLSON of the MINER will learn of the results of Lancaster county with anxious forebodings of the future. There are those in the county who will take what little time is afforded between now and the time of holding the primaries to get under cover.—Port Allegany Reporter.

Yes, the MINER has heard the report from Lancaster, and it was to be expected that the machine would get its work in there. But there are other reports that far transcend the Lancaster news, and that is the work of the bribery investigating committee. As for getting under cover, Bro. Lillibridge, you need not lay awake nights or lose any sleep over the anti-Quay situation. They are perfectly satisfied and are sure winners in the end.

THE political triumvirate of McKean county is leaving no stone unturned to accomplish its fell designs of more securely fettering the voters of the county and thus hand them over body and breeches as captives to their chief arch conspirator, M. S. Quay. How much longer will the voters of McKean county submit to this arrangement of the offices that are solely in the gift of the people to be taken out of their hands to be parcelled out to suit the wishes of this political triumvirate. No man, no matter how well qualified for the position to which he aspires, can hope to gain that position unless he receives the sanction and has the trade mark of the bosses branded upon him. Voters of McKean, throw off this yoke of bondage that is being pressed upon your necks. This is supposed to be a free country and any man who feels that he is qualified to fill the position to which he aspires, is entitled to and ought to have the privilege of going before the people and presenting his claims, without some private boss calling him quietly aside and telling him the slate is already made up and there is no show for him. Away with such political slavery. Be men and throw off the yoke of bondage.

PERMIT us to inquire of the MINER why the Republican party of Pennsylvania should repudiate all precedent of custom methods and adopt the "every man for himself" method. It is not of vital importance that M. S. Quay be returned to the United States Senate; it is of vital importance that the Republican party be guided by the principle of majority rule.—Potter Journal.

To the first question the MINER would respectfully refer the Journal to the court records of Philadelphia, and if a like situation existed in Potter Mr. Colcord would not under any circumstances support a home candidate for the most trivial office who was under indictment for felony. To the Journal's last question, "it is of vital importance that the Republican party be guided by the principle of majority rule," we say "not by a durn sight." No man who is a true Republican and loves his country and honors his party and State would be justified in supporting a candidate under existing circumstances. The fact of the indictment stands until removed by the court and no true American citizen should so far forget himself as to be caught advocating the election of any man, even to the most trivial office in the gift of the people. It is a bad precedent to establish and should receive its death blow at once.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, March 27, 1899.

President McKinley had decided to return to Washington early this week before he got the news of the beginning of what there is every reason to believe will be the final campaign against the organized Filipinos by Gen. Otis, but is probable that the knowledge that the fighting so victoriously started by the the troops of Gen. Otis on Saturday and continued on Sunday would be continued until Aguinaldo's forces have been crushed, would have caused him to do so anyway, as it is perfectly natural that he should wish to be in Washington while the fighting is going on. This is not because of any lack of confidence in Gen. Otis—he has so much confidence in him that he has refused to interfere with the order issued by Gen. Otis, putting a stop to the negotiations by agents of Spain for the ransom of Spanish prisoners held by Aguinaldo—but because of his belief that it is the duty of the Commander in Chief of the army and navy to be at headquarters when his subordinates are fighting. Acting Secretary of War Meiklejohn and Adjutant General Corbin, who have been at the War Department almost continuously since the fighting began, are highly pleased with the successful manner with which the plans of Gen. Otis have so far been carried out, and they are both confident that Aguinaldo's army will be a thing of the past in a few days and that with the exception of a little bushwhacking on the part of those who may succeed in escaping to the interior, the end of the war in the Philippines is in sight.

"Are you a dollar man, or a ten dollar one?" That question is asked of every prominent Democrat who has shown his face in Washington since the ridiculous controversy between Bryan and Belmont, over the $10 Jefferson dinner in New York, and Bryan's acceptance of an invitation to attend a $1 Jefferson dinner in the same town, has been before the public by everyone who is on terms sufficiently familiar to justify a little "kidding." Democrats are, as a rule, not willing to talk for publication about the silly and ridiculous affair, but Mr. Bryan would be crestfallen if he could hear the disgusted manner in which many of them talk about it among friends. Republicans are simply amused. They did not regard the chances of the Democrats to win next year, with Bryan or anybody else, as sufficient to make their lessening, which this controversy will certainly do, a cause for rejoicing.

Senator Quesada, who represented the alleged Cuban republic in Washington, although never officially recognized by this government, from almost the beginning of the Cuban revolution until deposed by the Cuban Assembly the other day, is still in Washington. He takes a hopeful view of the situation in Cuba and believes that everything will come out right in the end. He said: "I think we are going to get a fair deal. I think that the United States will do well by Cuba and that Cuba is worthy of the sacrifices that have been made in her behalf by the United States?" He thinks the question of annexation is one that should be and will be left until Cuba has a government and Congress properly elected by its people to decide whether it would prefer maintaining an independent republic or being annexed to the United States. He says he is perfectly satisfied that the people of the United States would not consent to the annexation of Cuba upon any other basis than the request of a majority of its people.

The Military Court of Inquiry is again sitting in Washington. It is expected that it will finish its work in a few days and make its report. All statements of the nature of that report are guesses.

Ex-Representative King of Utah is a Democrat, but the following remarks made by him in Washington indicate his ability to size up the political situation without prejudice: "I am inclined to believe that the Republicans will renominate and elect McKinley. The hero worshippers in the Democratic party are determined upon Bryan's nomination, whether he can be elected or not."

Senator Hansbrough, who has earned a reputation as a careful observer of the political drift of the country, gives this summary of the past, present and future: "The mistakes in the conduct of the war were all minimized by glorious successes everywhere. The Democrats will go on shouting before the people all of the complaints about the little things. They never size up to the great things. The war was so short that it was over before the faults and weaknesses were discovered. If the war had been prolonged all of the misdoings of contractors would have been discovered, and they would have been punished. McKinley's administration has brought success at every point and prosperity to every part of the land. Of course he will be renominated and reelected."

THE Pennsylvania State college authorities are sending out to the farmers of the State a warning against "creamery promoters." These promoters endeavor to get the farmers to put their money into these schemes without regard to whether there is a sufficient paying field for the new enterprise, and in most instances the money put into these enterprises is eventually lost. The expert of the State college declares: "In order for a creamery association to be successful, it is necessary, above all things, to have the milk from 300 to 500 cows guaranteed to the creamery for nine or ten months in the year. A creamery to handle this amount of milk can be built and equipped for from $1900 to $2200. The price usually asked by 'promoters' is from $2700 to $4000." It would be well for farmers to give heed to this advice and before going into these schemes communicate with the State college or the dairy division of the agricultural department at Washington from whom they can get desired and much valuable information, which may save them money.—York Dispatch.

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AN OPINION OF THE COURT.

The School District of the Borough of Eldred vs. The School District of the Township of Eldred.	In the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County. No. 86, October Term, 1898.

Morrison, Judge, March 18th, 1899.

FINDINGS OF FACT.

This case comes into Court by the defendant's appeal from the judgment of a Justice of the Peace, in favor of the plaintiff, and it is at issue upon the plea of non-assumpsit.

On February 9th, 1899, by writing filed, the parties waived a jury trial and submitted their controversy to the decision of the Court in pursuance of the Act of Assembly of April 22nd, 1874, P. L. 109.

The plaintiff claims for tuition of children of soldiers in the late war of the Rebellion. By writing filed it is agreed, and we find as a fact, that the children were of legal school age; that they applied for admission and instruction in the public schools of the Borough of Eldred the same as resident children in said Borough School District; that they came into the Eldred Borough School District daily, during periods ranging from four and one-half to eight months, attended the plaintiff's schools and were instructed therein the same as resident children. The residence of the parents, guardians or other persons entitled by law to the custody of said children was in the School District of the Township of Eldred, and the Eldred Borough School District seeks to charge and collect from the Township District the sum of $107.84, the cost of the tuition received by said children; that said amount is legally due the plaintiff's School District from the defendant, if the Act of Assembly of April 18th, 1895, P. L. 21, as amended by the Act of July 2, 1895, P. L. 424, is legal and constitutional. Said amended Act is as follows: "That any child or children of any person who was a soldier in the service of the United States in the late War of the Rebellion being, or who shall be, temporarily or otherwise, within any school district of the Commonwealth, shall, upon application, be entitled to admission and instruction, the same as resident children in the proper common school of such district, and notwithstanding such child or children may have or shall come in to such district, daily or weekly, for the purpose of attendance at such school, and the residence of the parent, guardian or other person or persons entitled by law to the custody of such child or children be in another district: Provided, that such pupils shall be charged for by the month at the same rate as it costs the district receiving them, per pupil, to keep its school in operation, and that the bill for such tuition shall be sworn to by the President and Secretary of said School Board, and the charges for such tuition shall be paid by the district or districts in which the children have a permanent residence."

It will be seen at a glance that our sole question is upon the amended Act of Assembly. If it is constitutional, the plaintiff must recover, but if not, then the decision must be in favor of the defendant.

It is contended on behalf of the defendant, in the case here under consideration, as it was in School District vs. School District before Bittenger P. J. in Eighth District Reports, page 95, that the Act of 1895, under which this action was brought, is unconstitutional, and therefore the plaintiff can not recover: First, because the Act, under the Constitution of the Commonwealth, Art. III, Sec. 7, is class legislation, and therefore invalid; and Second, because in the original Act no provision for the payment for the education of such children of soldiers of the late war of the Rebellion, attending school in a district in which the parents or guardian do not reside, is contained, and because the amended Act of 1895, does not in its title give any notice to the taxpayers of the district or districts in which the children have a permanent residence of its liability for the cost of such education.

Judge Bittenger says, "The Act, in our view, is unconstitutional for both of the reasons stated. It is class legislation: Citing Sewickley School District v. Osborne School District, 6th District Reps. 21, Opinion by Ewing, P. J.; Mercer Union School District v. Cool Spring Township School District, 21, C. C. 178, Opinion by Miller, P. J. The title of the Act does not clearly express the purpose of the Act to the township in which is the permanent residence of said pupils, that the charges of education shall be paid by said township of their permanent residence. The title of an Act must not only embrace the subject of legislation, but must also express the same so clearly as to give notice of the legislative purpose to those that may be specifically interested therein: Road in Phoenixville, 109 Pa. 44.

The constitution requires that the notice shall be contained in the title itself: Com. v. Samuels, 163, Pa., 283, citing Ridge Ave. Ry. v. Philadelphia, 124 Pa., 219; Philadelphia v. The Ridge Ave. Ry. 142 Pa. 484. See also Mt. Joy Borough v. Lancaster, etc., Turnpike, 182 Pa., 581; Quinn v. Cumberland County, 162 Pa., 55."

We fully concur with Judge Bittenger in his conclusions. We have before us an interesting Opinion by Archbald, P. J., in School District of Canton Borough vs. School District of Canton Township, No. 756, September Term, 1895, in the Common Pleas Court of Bradford County. In this Opinion the learned Judge demonstrates with force and clearness that no reason exists for classifying soldiers' children and granting them the special educational privileges such as is sought to be done by the amended Act in question. Among others Judge Archbald cites the following authorities: "Classification for legislative purposes, says Black, J., in State vs. Loomis, 115 [illegible] 307, 'must have some reasonable basis upon which to stand. It must be evident that differences which would serve for a classification for some purposes furnish no reason whatever for a classification for legislative purposes. The difference which will support class legislation must be such as in the nature of things furnish a reasonable basis for separate laws and regulations.'"

In Stratton vs. Morris, 89 Tenn., 497, it is said: "We conclude, upon a review of the cases * * * that whether a statute be public or private, general or special in form, if it attempts to create distinctions and classifications between the citizens of this State the basis of such classification must be natural and not arbitrary."

And in Railroad vs. Ellis, 165 U. S. 150, it is held, that classification to avoid infringing on the 'equality' clause of the 14th Amendment must be "based upon some reasonable ground—some difference which bears a just and proper relation to the attempted classification—and is not a mere arbitrary selection."

"The underlying principle of all the cases," says Mr. Justice Sterrett in Ayars' Appeal, 122 Pa., 266, "is that classification with the view of legislating for either class separately is essentially unconstitutional, unless a necessity therefor exists—a necessity springing from manifest peculiarities, clearly distinguishing those of one class from each of the other classes, and imperatively demanding legislation for each class, separately, that would be useless and detrimental to the others."

Judge Archbald then held the Act in question unconstitutional and void as class legislation.

In view of the above authorities, and many others which might be cited, we are convinced that no sound reason can be advanced for upholding the said Act of April 18th, 1895, as amended by the Act of July 2nd, 1895, P. L. 424, and my conclusion of law is that said legislation is unconstitutional and void and that judgment must be entered in favor of the defendant.

And now, March 18th, 1899, the Prothonotary will notify the Counsel of record, for the respective parties, of this decision, and unless exception shall be filed, within thirty days after such notice, enter judgment in favor of the defendant, with costs.

Per Curiam.
T. A. M., J.

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SUNDAY IN MEXICO.

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The policeman in a Mexican town is an official of importance and dignity. His uniform may be dirty and ragged, but he wears a cartridge belt and six-shooter in addition to his club, and is usually seen with a cigarette in his mouth. Five or six of these worthies will drag a poor trembling wretch to the police station with a flourish worthy the capture of a brigade.

The Mexican wears a hat covered with gold and silver braid, that is usually worth more than all the rest of his and his family's wardrobe; and it is this, together with the gay striped blanket, and the swagger of the fellow, that gives him such an air of stage make up.

It is always dangerous to judge the people of a town by those most in evidence on the street; but if I were called on to set a valuation on the people I saw in some of these Mexican towns, I should be tempted to make my calculation by the dozen or hundred, rather than by the single native. With all their love of finery, neither the men nor women are much given to gay colors. Black and white predominate; but the bright sun makes it all gay and fetching.

When a Mexican grows old he seems to shrink up until there is little to be seen of him but a big hat, and a scrap of blanket pulled tight over his meagre shoulders. His beard and hair stand out, white and distinct from his dark shrivelled face, which looks like that of a mummy in its frame of white. Life in one of these towns is as absolutely different from what one sees in an American village as though it were a bit of Egypt or India. Yet it may be seen at the end of a three days' journey from almost any of the Eastern and Northern States, and is well worth the journey.—Harper's Weekly.

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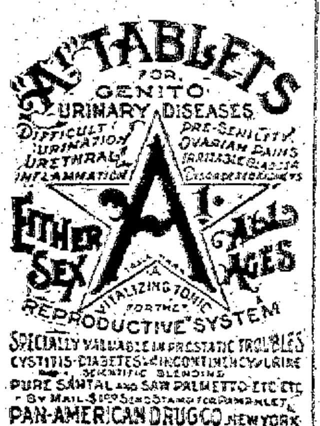
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This season we carry all grades of dinner ware in new open stock patterns. You can buy a few pieces now and more later. Complete the set as you want to. Many people in Bradford are thus buying dinner sets on installments—sets they may never have owned otherwise.

$19.50 SEWING MACHINE.
We sell a Demorest Sewing Machine for $19.50 cash. A machine with every modern improvement—a $55 style in some makes.

RELIABLE RANGES.
The range that is so conspicuously the best that nobody really doubts it. We have sold hundreds without the first complaint. The buying of a range without seeing the Reliables would be a lasting and regrettable mistake.

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The Great Supply House. BRADFORD.
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NEW GOODS AT STORE OF
D. C. YOUNG.

Call and examine same. Prices as low as the lowest.

Prices on all Winter Goods reduced to make room for Spring stock.

Several lines of Men's, Women's and Children's Shoes at cost to close.

D. C. YOUNG,
Smethport, Pa.
Dec. 26, 1898.

WE'VE GOT EVERYTHING NEW FOR SPRING
New Hats
Sailors
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Organdies
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Ribbons
Mrs. E. E. Chambers & Co.,
SMETHPORT, PA.

Model Restaurant,
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I have recently purchased the Restaurant of W. G. Holder and am now prepared to serve
Hot or Cold Lunches and Meals at all Hours.
I also keep on hand the best, freshest and most complete stock of
OYSTERS AND FISH
to be found anywhere. Give me a trial and be convinced.
Tracy Block, Smethport, Pa.

F. G. Lindholm & Co.

Easter Suggestions.

As a result of intelligent buying in the largest and most progressive market on the American Continent we combine beauty and excellence unsurpassed in superb Spring stocks.

Of course you are fond of fashion.

SEE OUR

Silk Dimity
Striped Piques
Tissues
Lawns
Mulls
Organdies
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Madras Cloths
Surtings
White Goods
OF ALL KINDS,
Laces & Embroideries
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GROCERIES

Good things to eat at modest prices.

F. G. Lindholm & Co.
Dry Goods, Groceries, Shoes,
Smethport, Pa.

Prompt attention to mail orders.

Photographs

This has been a busy season and attests the fact that the pictures I make give perfect satisfaction. When you want a good article go to the place where the most business is done.

Graphophones

The acme of perfection it seems has been reached in the manufacture of these machines. Come and listen free of charge. No trouble.

"IKE" GLEASON, The Photographer,
Smethport, Pa.

DO YOU KNOW

that when you are smoking an

AMERICAN GENLEMAN CIGAR

you are receiving more real value for your money than any other ten cigar offers you?

If you don't know get into the band wagon and know why. At all first-class cigar stands.

McKean County Miner

Entered at the postoffice at Smethport as second-class mail matter.

SMETHPORT, FRIDAY, MCH. 31, 1899.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Civil court the 17th of April.

—Note bargain day prices in J. Colegrove's advertisement.

—April 7th and 28th are arbor days. Get ready to plant a tree.

—Palm Sunday was fitingly observed at St. Luke's last Sunday.

—On the 15th of April the law will permit you to spit on the angleworm.

—The drug store of A. B. Armstrong & Co. is being thoroughly renovated and repaired.

—The Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen will give a grand ball at Kane Monday, April 3d.

—Alex Clarke is having an addition built to the little building west of Mrs. J. C. Backus' residence.

—St. Elizabeth's church was crowded last Sunday to greet Father Cosgrove on his return from an extended vacation.

—Next Monday it will be Mayor J. C. Greenewald of Bradford. Your honor, just consider our hat in the air.

—The Citizens' Hose company of Hazelhurst will give a grand ball at the opera house Tuesday evening, April 4th.

—Parties having chestnut wood for sale will do well to consult the American Extract Co's advertisement in another column.

—Good-bye, old March, you have been about as disagreeable as possible. Welcome April with its sunshine and gentle showers.

—Quarterly service was held at the M. E. church last Sunday morning. Rev. H. C. Woods, presiding elder of the district, was present.

—The Extract Works closed last night and will remain so for an indefinite period. This will throw a number of men out of work.

—The L. O. T. M. gave a warm maple sugar social at the Baptist parsonage last Saturday evening. A most enjoyable time was experienced.

—The Children's choir of St. Luke's church will sing at the evening services during Holy Week and at the first vespers of Easter, on Easter Even, Saturday, April 1st.

—The following letters remain uncalled for in the post office for week ending March 25: H. T. Hill, Miss Martha Pippin, Mrs. Vance. Persons calling for these letters please say "advertised."

—When a hen gets on her roost at night, is she a rooster?—Port Allegany Reporter. If she is, she does not crow about it in the morning.

—H. W. Rubin & Co. have put a new front in their popular clothing store. It makes a decided improvement in the appearance of the building.

—Mrs. E. E. Chambers & Co. have a new advertisement in this week's issue, calling attention to their new spring goods. Be sure to read it.

—Last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. John Ottoson were made happy by the arrival of a bright little daughter at their home at the east end of the borough.

—Mr. Burnett, who has occupied the new Reilly residence on Franklin street, moved last Wednesday into the M. C. Stickles house on Mechanic street.

—There is an ordinance against discharging fire-arms within the borough limits, and it ought to be enforced. Will the proper officer attend to that duty?

—An exchange says: It is reported that the South Penn Oil Company has secured a lease of 30,000 acres of the Billings estate, paying a bonus for the land of $4 an acre.

—Last Saturday afternoon Justice B. L. Knapp joined in wedlock John E. Dingles of Kylerstown, Pa., and Miss Della Keesler of this borough at the home of the bride's parents.

—Those who attend divine service on Easter Sunday will naturally think that an arbor day when they attempt to get a glimpse of the minister through a mountain of feathers and ribbons.

—Printers' ink seems to be rather scarce over in Oswayo, as Bro. Blackman had only enough to cover one side of the Record last week. But what there was of it was newsy, just the same.

—The MINER hoped to give the date of the arrival of the remains of E. M. Kerns, but so far no definite news has reached here in regard to the matter. They will probably arrive some day next week.

—The MINER is in receipt of Bulletins Nos. 44 and 45 of "Commercial Butter Cultures" of the Pennsylvania State College for the months of November and December, 1898. Both reports are quite interesting.

—Thomas Camp moved into the new house recently erected by W. P. Walsh on Main street below the Wright House last Wednesday. It was a delightful day to move, almost zero weather and a regular blizzard.

—Swanson Blomster of Blomster Hollow died last Sunday night, at the age of 80 years. The funeral was held Monday, Rev. J. Heber McCandless officiating. There was a large attendance of friends and relatives at the funeral.

—Ol' Man Hacket tells you how to "Get in Line" in a new advertisement this week. The prices that he advertises are certainly stunners and if you are looking for bargains you had better read his advertisement and give him a call.

—R. Seger & Son, the popular clothiers, have something to say this week about spring suits. This enterprising firm has become very popular in Smethport and they are conducting a first-class clothing establishment. Read their advertisement.

—On Easter week E. C. Henry & Co. will give away a beautiful picture representing a cluster of American Beauty roses with every 50-cent purchase of tea, coffee or spices. They are beauties. Read the advertisement and find out all about it.

—It is certainly time that the county commissioners did something to make the jail more secure. The jail is in such a condition that a prisoner seems to find very little difficulty in getting out whenever the desire for liberty takes hold of him.

—A. G. Blower, Hazelhurst correspondent to the *Bradford Star*, says: The contract has been executed, whereby trains must be running from Mt. Jewett to Smethport within 60 days. The construction of track will be pushed vigorously.

—Miss Maude Shoemaker graduated from the Woman's Hospital at New York on the 15th of this month and expected to pay a visit to her home here, but she was offered and accepted a position as head nurse in the Albany hospital and consequently will not come home.

—Bert Kloder is now ready to repair your wheel as it should be done. He has gone to quite an expense in getting ready for this season's work and in consequence has a very complete shop. He gives you some good advice in an advertisement this week. It will pay you to read it.

—Confirmation suits is the subject of H. W. Rubin & Co.'s advertisement this week. They sell good goods at rock-bottom prices and those who have had dealings with this firm know that their word can be relied upon. Read the advertisement and learn where to get a confirmation suit.

—A man who can so accurately foretell the vagaries of the beastly weather as Prof. Coles must surely have some control over the elements. Therefore we beseech the gifted professor to give us a little more (with apologies to "Judge" Reynolds) congenial weather for the approaching month.

—The log train crew found a man of German descent, dead in the creek, about two miles above Blowville on Wednesday. There are no marks or bruises on the man to show that any foul play had been done, and it is supposed that he came to his death by drowning.—Austin Autograph.

—People cannot exercise too much care when they detect the smell of gas in their buildings. The first important duty is to extinguish fires and open all the doors and windows. And never light a match to find the leak when the gas escapes. Secure the services of an experienced plumber to perform that duty.

—One of our school girls asked her father this question the other day: What three noted men had trouble growing out of their connection with fruit trees? He couldn't tell, and she enlightened him by saying: "Adam, with the apple tree; Washington, with the cherry tree, and Quay, with the plum tree."—Exchange.

—Keating township parents desiring to secure text books for their children during vacation can secure the same by sending their orders to James Quirk, secretary of the Keating township school board, who will forward their orders to publishing house where they can be secured at wholesale prices, with freight added.

—Bell Brothers of Olean commence this week with a half-column advertisement, calling attention to their immense stock of Easter goods. This popular firm has an enviable reputation with Smethport buyers, and for a good reason—they never disappoint you. Read the advertisement and when in Olean call on Bell Brothers.

—Well No. 1, of the Delmar Oil and Gas Co., has been located on the farm of Cassius Ford, seventy rods below the Draper postoffice. Timber is being placed on the ground and work on the derrick will commence this week. The company has raised the necessary amount of money for this venture and has 3,000 acres of land under lease.—Wellsboro Advocate. The MINER wishes its many friends in that company abundant success.

—The Era states that Messrs. A. F. Bannon of Bradford and G. W. Mitchell of this place have purchased the J. J. Sheehy ice plant in Bradford. These gentlemen will hereafter dispense congealed water to the denizens of the oil metropolis and thus keep them cool during the hot weather. Well, gentlemen, here is luck to you.

—A sad accident to the little three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Laymon occurred at their home in Hardwick, Vt., Saturday, March 18th. The little boy, Randall, was playing about and slipped backward, falling into a pail of scalding water placed upon the floor. Recovery is considered doubtful.—Port Allegany Reporter.

—Quarterly meeting services were well attended last Sunday at the M. E. church. Seven persons were received into the church. A large number of communicants were present at the Holy Communion. The new presiding elder, Rev. H. C. Woods, is most heartily received by the church. *In the evening the pastor* preached to a good congregation on "The *Suffering of Christ.*"

—F. G. Lindholm & Co. have a new advertisement in this week's issue. They offer some special "Easter suggestions" which it will pay you to read. This firm have a reputation for handling seasonable goods and the splendid values they give for your money. They have secured the services of Miss Steinbrecher, which will enable them to more attentively wait on you. Be sure to go to Lindholm's.

—The best mode of keeping a room constantly ventilated without draught is to have the frame of the lower part of the window supplemented by an additional piece of wood about five inches deep. This admits of the lower sash being raised without draught from the bottom of the window. Air is admitted in the middle, where the lower sash is raised above the end of the top one.—April Ladies' Home Journal.

—Newark, N. J., has passed an anti-expectoration ordinance, the provisions of which are severe but none too much so. *First offense brings an arbitrary fine* of $10; the second time it costs $25. Cars carry warning signs in three languages, and conductors are appointed official sanitary inspectors. The signs in different languages might well be adopted on street car lines in all large cities.—Buffalo Commercial.

—Smethport, McKean county, is having two new railroads built through the town. The matter of right of way in the borough hurried operations. Smethport ought to boom for some time to come.—Marienville Express. Bro. Shick, you bet we are booming. Times are so lively here that we have hard work to induce old winter to leave this hustling place and let "gentle spring" have a peep at our enterprise.

—All code books carried on war ships have leaden backs to make them sink if lost overboard. The letters in the book, moreover, are printed with peculiar ink, which fades away when it comes in contact with the water. To make things still more safe the letters are changed every few months by the Navy Department. Even on war ships few officers know their vessel's official signal code.—Lancaster Examiner.

—What's the matter with Smethport having one of her old-fashioned fourth of July celebrations? Those that we have had in the past give assurance of what can be accomplished in the future. People will go somewhere to spend the fourth. Why not give them a good entertainment here and keep them and their surplus cash at home? The money taken away for pleasures of that kind never returns. Get a hustle on.

—Mrs. Lavina J. Mills, one of Coudersport's most highly esteemed ladies, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Archibald, in New York city one day last week. Mrs. Mills was the widow of Samuel Mills, the genial boniface so well and favorably known in the lower oil country many years ago. The deceased was born in Honesdale June 2, 1819. The remains were brought to Coudersport and deposited in the Eulalia cemetery last Saturday.

—It is now currently reported that the Erie Railway company will tear down the world-renowned Kinzua viaduct and erect one in its place much stronger. The old structure was inadequate to sustain the heavy freight traffic of the road. April 15th is the date fixed for commencing the work of tearing down the cobweb in the air. The Erie will run its trains over the B., R. & P. system from Mt. Jewett to Bradford while the new bridge is being constructed.

—The new oil field at Gaines and Watrous seems to have taken on a new lease of life. When Maxwell No. 2 was shot last week the oil shot away up above the top of the derrick at least 50 feet says the Westfield Free Press. The well is reported as flowing in fine shape and it is reported as doing 50 barrels per day. The Barlow well on the R. S. Watrous farm is a counterpart of the Maxwell No. 2 and when shot the buildings adjacent were covered with the flowing oil.

—An additional reason why women should attempt to get off street cars properly is found in the experience of Mrs. Mary F. Wilson of New York. She was suing a trolley company for $25,000 for injuries sustained through a fall received while alighting from one of its cars, and was doing fairly well, when it appeared from the testimony that at the time of the accident she had stepped off backwards, and thereupon, on motion of defendants, the case was dismissed.—Ex.

—That Chet King of Port Allegany is an original character there can be no question. He has invented a fire escape that is the admiration of all the commercial travelers that patronize his popular hostelry. They are all anxious to see the wonderful invention and when produced they are wonderfully surprised to find a piece of rope with a small bible attached to one end. They generally give Chet the wink and step into the other room and get a little dutch courage.

—A Covington correspondent writes: A Mauser rifle, which was captured from the Spanish during the late war, and now the property of Arthur Goodspeed of Elk Run, was given a trial here last Saturday. One shot was fired through a beech tree 18 inches in diameter, after which it spent its force in a gravel bar beyond. Another bullet was sent through 16 inches of pine and 32 inches of hemlock, after which it passed more than the length of a small knife blade into another hemlock timber, penetrating in the aggregate more than 50 inches of sound timber.—Wellsboro Advocate.

—A young married woman of the First Ward, went into Bodine's hardware store one day last week and inquired, in a very modest and unsuspecting manner, of George Guy, the accommodating clerk, if they had any jackpots. The thunderstruck young man promptly replied that they had coffeepots, teapots, etc., but to his knowledge there wasn't a jackpot in the house. As she turned to go away with downcast look she remarked to Mr. Guy, who escorted her to the door, that she was so much in hopes they kept them, because her husband kept talking in his sleep about jackpots, and if she could purchase one for him she knew it would tickle him to death.—Bradford Herald.

—A violin upon which the renowned musician, Ole Bull, played is in the possession of a Clarion party, who values the instrument at $1,000.—Port Allegany Reporter. Bosh! What rot to publish. This is an old violin that was purchased at Oleona, Potter county, when the effects of Mr. Henry Anderson, now deceased, were sold. At that time someone foolishly made the remark that probably Ole Bull had played on the violin,—hence the story got started. It is a fake pure simple.

—Jails very frequently hide some queer things. At the last term of criminal court Ed. England was convicted on the charge of shooting his brother-in-law's hogs, and sentenced to several months in jail. Recently his accuser, Ben Swanson, has made a statement that he is the guilty one, having shot the hogs himself, and that England is innocent of the charge. If such is the case, why does the district attorney allow an innocent man to suffer and the self-accused criminal go free? Let justice be done.

—T. C. Walsman, formerly a well-known resident of Eldred and now of Brinson, Ga., recently sold his large mill at that place for $58,200. In the deal Mr. Walsman also contracts with the buyer—J. K. Joice of Chicago—to furnish him one hundred million feet of fine logs for the mill for the price and sum of $100,000 which, including the mill deal, makes the transaction amount to the sum of $158,200. This seems rather a small price for stocking lumber, but perhaps labor is cheaper in Georgia than it is here.

—The spectacle peddlers from Buffalo, who frightened and swindled a number of persons in Warren and vicinity a few weeks ago, and to whom we called attention at the time, were recently arrested in Bellefonte, where they spent over night in jail and the next morning were obliged to refund the money they had obtained and pay $13 in costs, promising to leave the State. Had all of their tricks been known at the time they would have been severely dealt with. Moral: Avoid strange peddlers of every description.—Warren Mirror.

—Last Monday morning about three o'clock Mrs. Wesley Sykes, who with her husband kept a restaurant at No. 134 Main street, Bradford, attempted to commit suicide by shooting herself in the left side about two inches below the heart. Domestic trouble seems to have been the cause of the attempted self-destruction. It seems the husband and wife had had some trouble during the night, the husband leaving the house, whereupon Mrs. Sykes tried to shuffle off this mortal coil via the revolver route. When the husband returned and discovered the situation, he likewise tried to destroy his life. Mrs Sykes will recover.

—Last Sunday forenoon Harrison Valley, in the northeastern part of Potter county and six miles west of Westfield, Tioga county, was visited by a fire that destroyed every business place in town with the exception of four. The fire caught in the attic of the Harrison Valley House and the wind being from the west and the main business portion of the town being built along Main street eastwardly and having no water works the fire raged until eleven business places were consumed. It is claimed that the loss will reach fully $25,000. The amount of insurance is not known. Harrison Valley is a lovely little hamlet, surrounded by a very rich farming section. But the residents had failed to make arrangements for water works and now they are compelled to suffer for their negligence.

Jail Delivery.

Last Monday afternoon about 5:45 Supt. J. E. Myers came hurriedly into the corridor of the court house and informed Sheriff Davis that two prisoners had made their escape from the jail. The Sheriff hurried to the castle and found that the culprits had wrenched a bar from the stair rail and had ascended to the third floor, where a pipe goes through the upper ceiling. With the bar they had broken the sand stone of which the ceiling is constructed, making a hole large enough to allow them to crawl through. They had taken the chains that support the bunks in their cells and fastened them together and opening the attic window had let themselves down by means of the chains. Mrs. J. E. Myers who resides on the north side of the jail saw them as they descended, but the poor lady was too badly frightened to give the alarm and the miscreants made good their escape—climbing the hill to the north of the jail. One of them was Jack Butler of Bradford, whose fondness for chicken salad brought him to the bastile. The other was Walter Nichols of Hazelhurst who was in jail on the charge of stealing a violin. Sheriff Davis telephoned in every direction about their escape, but so far no news has reached here of the refugees. They crawled out of a hole that would puzzle an India rubber man to get through.

Easter Day at St. Luke's

On Easter-Day at St. Luke's the first celebration of the Holy Eucharist will be at 8 a. m., Morning Prayer at 10 o'clock, and second celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 10:30. At this service will be sung Tours' festal service in F. The anthem at the offertory will be Agutter's "Victimae Paschali," with recitative, trio and chorus. The processional music will be Powell's "Hail! Festal Day!" the ancient processional for Easter. At Evensong Agutter's festal Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis will be sung, and at the Offertory will be sung the "Hallelujah Chorus," from Handel's "Messiah." The choir will be reinforced by a number of voices, and the festal music will surpass that of most choirs in our largest cities.

Farm For Rent.

To experienced farmer or dairyman. 50 acres near city, with over 2,000 young fruit trees and 300 grape vines; cut about 50 tons of hay each year; farm house, city water, 3 barns; good market for milk, eggs and produce; near schools. Apply to AUG. W. NEWELL, 21 Congress St., Bradford, Pa.

Choice Brown Leghorn eggs for hatching 50 cents per sitting of 13.
W. H. Knight,
Corner Main and Nelson Sts.
Smethport, Pa., March 30-3t

What you want in a good bag, valise, suit-case or telescope is good material—something that will stand the travel. Lemmler has what you want. Go to him for trunks.

The New Wheel.—The Crawford is new in Smethport, but is highly recommended. Go up to Gleason's studio and look them over—$25 and $35.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. church will hold a cooked food sale from 3 to 5 o'clock Saturday, April 1st, at the chapel. All are cordially invited.

Do you need a trunk, valise, bag, suit-case or telescope? The largest stock gives the greatest scope of choice. Lemmler has the best stock in town.

Going to buy a wheel? Be sure to see the Crawford first. It's a thing of beauty. Gleason handles them. $25 and $35.

A. B. Armstrong & Co. are giving away a bottle of fine perfume. Call and see how you can get it. 10tf

Messrs. E. C. Henry & Co. are headquarters for the sale of Pittsburg stogies. Give them a trial.

Four cans nice corn 25 cents, and three cans good tomatoes same price, at store of D. C. Young. 1t

PERSONAL MENTION

[illegible] on Monday.

C. J. Hamlin returned from Binghamton Monday night.

Miss Janet Hamlin has gone to Kentucky to visit friends.

Louis March, Jr., of Bradford was in town Tuesday night.

A. C. Rice of Bradford autographed at the Central Tuesday.

John N. Apple transacted business in Bradford last Friday.

Capt. E. R. Mayo transacted business in Port Allegany Tuesday.

B. D. Ellis, the popular shoe man of Kane, was in town Wednesday.

J. F. Keating of Clermont transacted business in town Monday.

J. J. Roberts of Ceres called at the MINER office yesterday while in town.

M. H. Morrison, Chas. Latham and F. H. Chase visited Bradford yesterday.

Sam Powell came up from Pittsburg last Monday morning for a brief visit.

John L. Smith, the genial boniface of Clermont was in town last Friday.

Judge Morrison, Mrs. S. E. Bell and J. W. Boston visited Kane yesterday.

Miss Maud Davis and Miss Mary Ryan arrived home from school Wednesday.

W. G. Roberts of Eldred was calling on his many customers in town last Friday.

J. H. Tate and W. F. Butts of Clermont were in town on business last Saturday.

Clayte Backus returned from Buffalo on Saturday very much pleased with his trip.

Chas. McKean and F. D. Gallup visited Buffalo Wednesday on a business mission.

Scott F. Redfield, who is a student at Hobart College, is spending a few days in town.

Hugh A. Boyd of Olean was circulating among his many old friends here last Monday.

Miss Steinbrecher of Detroit has accepted a position in the large store of F. G. Lindholm & Co.

John Forrest went to Newark, Ohio, last Friday to meet Mrs. Forrest. They arrived home on Tuesday.

L. Bayer, A. J. Axberg and Ben Hagman of Clermont were pleasant callers at the MINER office Wednesday.

Mrs. Dr. Walker left town Thursday morning for Buffalo on a brief visit to her daughter, Mrs. Dr. Flagg.

Dr. E. M. Pierce of Warren has been spending several days with his son, Dr. F. C. Pierce, of this borough.

E. P. Dalrymple, N. R. Bard and C. A. Holley, three Port Allegany gentlemen, were in town on business Monday.

C. W. Catlin of Port Allegany was a most agreeable caller at the MINER office Monday, while on his way to Kane.

Miss Tina Powell, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. L. K. Hogarth for some time, returned to her home in Bradford on Monday.

W. T. Seger, of the firm of R. Seger & Son, returned Monday from Binghamton, N. Y., where he purchased a large stock of spring goods.

F. G. Lindholm went to Buffalo last Friday to enter the hospital to be treated for hernia. Reports from there state that he is getting along nicely.

John Sheragacher returned Saturday last from attending the funeral of his brother, George, who was drowned at Bailey Run, Potter county, on Thursday morning of last week.

Good Friday Services at St. Luke's.

The solemn services of Good Friday, March 31, at St. Luke's church will be as follows: Matins and Litany at 9 a. m., Preaching of the Cross from 12 m. to 3 p. m. This service will consist of hymns, prayers, silent devotions and a series of seven meditations on the Seven Sayings from the Cross. The subjects will be, (1) The Sacrifice for Sin; (2) Paradise; (3) Home Duties; (4) Desolation; (5) Pain; (6) Life's Work; (7) Life's End. The Story of the Cross will be told to the children at the 4 p. m. service.

On Easter-Even, Saturday, April 1st, the service will be at 7:30. Holy Baptism will be administered on Easter-Even.

The Good Friday watch by the Cross from 12 m. to 3 p. m. is an urgent call to all people, as all are vitally concerned in the great deliverance commemorated on that day. It is to be hoped that people will arrange to have their homes and business for a part of the afternoon of Good Friday, and recognize the great Memorial Day and attend its simple and impressive services.

People can come in and depart quietly at any time, if unable to be present through the whole service.

Easter Services.

The following services will be held in the Methodist Episcopal church next Sunday, April 2d:

An Easter sunrise prayer meeting at 6 o'clock a. m., under the auspices of the Epworth League, led by Prof. W. P. Eckels.

At 10:30 a. m. a sermon by the pastor. Subject: "Jesus Risen; What His Resurrection Secures." The annual missionary offering will be given.

In the evening the subject will be, "Jesus Ascended; Its Precious Fruits."

The choir will render good music and the church be appropriately decorated.

I have been afflicted with rheumatism for fourteen years and nothing seemed to give any relief. I was able to be around all the time, but constantly suffering. I had tried everything I could hear of and at last was told to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which I did and was immediately relieved and in a short time cured. I am happy to say that it has not since returned.—Josh. Edgar, Germantown, Cal. For sale by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Seed Potatoes for Sale.

I offer for sale the Carman No. 1 seed potato. They are the best yielding, best eating and best all around potato on the market to-day. The above will be sold at 60c per bushel for the next 30 days.
A. L. GALLUP,
Smethport, Pa., March 23-4w

To the Ladies.

Having opened a first-class dressmaking shop at 103 Cemetery street, would be pleased to have the ladies give me a call. French Tailor System used. Also ladies' tailor made suits.
11-4t Mrs. Jessie Nixon.

Important Notice.

All accounts due us must be paid on or before the 1st of April or we will give to an attorney for collection.
A. B. ARMSTRONG & Co

"A kingdom for a 'wheel!'" No need to pay so much. Go to Gleason's and see the Crawford—$25 and $35

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The Buckeye Cream Separator

Saves nearly one-third more cream than crocks or pans.
Saves more time, labor and money than any other Separator made.
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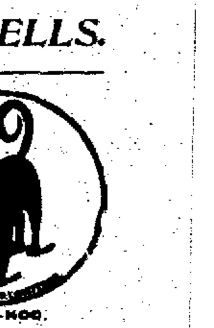

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Fair are the fields in the spring with the sweet perfumed breath of the meadows,
Fresh to the green mossy dells where the gorse flares its torches of gold
Wonder has gone from the earth and returned to the kingdom of shadows
Feelings rush out from the heart, like to frozen streams losing their hold

Yet as I stand in the light of the sun and in gladness rejoice
Deep in my heart there arises a restless, dissatisfied voice
"Life's hopes are never fulfilled there is always left something to long for
—Lilian Eleanor Barlow in Madame

A MAN'S LIFE.

"It is a question, Professor Kirkhoffer said, quietly "between this and that."

Saying thus, he looked down at the two objects between which choice had to be made. This was a man a brown skinned man of the upper Asian steppes. He lay prone upon the desert sand, his eyes unseeing eyes, wide open, motionless save for an occasional twitching of the limbs as the fever shiver shook him silent except when his parched lips moved in the inarticulate mutter of delirium The professor's gaze did not linger upon this piteous figure. It traveled to "that"—two loads of clay tablets, evidently of extreme antiquity and closely covered with a strange cuneiform character which had just been carefully strapped by his companion to the backs of two kneeling camels.

"Seeing we are now reduced to two beasts only" he went on his eye shifting for an instant to the body of a third camel, which lay dead some 20 yards off, "seeing also that we are in a waterless desert, probably 24 hours ride from the nearest well and that this man is a dead weight on our hands

"You don't dream of abandoning the poor chap?" Dick Harding broke in

The professor glanced uneasily over his smoked spectacles. Harding was a puzzle to him a man of distinguished scientific attainments, capable of strong scientific enthusiasm yet occasionally betraying a vein of sentimentality altogether out of place in connection with scientific exploration. Kirkhoffer had had inconvenient experience of this peculiarity more than once during the year spent with Harding in the remote fastnesses of Tibet.

"You wouldn't leave him here to die?" the Englishman persisted

The professor rubbed his forehead thoughtfully "He's bound to die in any case.

"I don't see that at all. If we can keep him alive till we get out of this

"Impossible, my friend He cannot walk, and these two camels cannot carry him in addition to you and me and the tablets.

"Then leave some of the tablets behind.

The professor fairly gasped for breath

"Leave—leave behind some of the tablets?" he stammered "Leave the records of a civilization to which the Arcadian is a thing of yesterday—to be swallowed up by the next sandstorm? Give my great discovery the greatest of the century maimed and imperfect, to the world? Harding you must be mad. What's the life of a Khirgiz Tartar beside these priceless things?"

Kirkhoffer's shortsighted eyes gleamed angrily behind his glasses his voice was thick with passion

"What's a Khirgiz Tartar?" he growled like a wild animal

"He's a man anyway Harding retorted. Suppose I refuse to leave this fellow?

"Then —the professor became all at once ominously cool—"I shall be forced to remind you that I am the head of this expedition and you my salaried assistant, also that these animals are my property I go, and they go with me. You can join the party or not as you please.

Harding grew pale. That is the choice you offer me? Then I say you are a blackguard

"And I say indifferently that you are a fool. Come, will you mount?"

"No!" furiously

The German shrugged his shoulders. "Have it your own way he said. And, gathering up the long leading rein which he had fastened to the head of one camel, he prepared to seat himself on the other

But here Harding sprang upon him suddenly "No, you don't he cried "You shall leave me one you brute though it were a hundred times your property"

"Stand off the professor cried

Harding's answer was to close with him silently and there ensued a trial of strength whereof the issue seemed for several minutes doubtful The men were not ill matched. Kirkhoffer was the taller and heavier but then he was also the elder by 20 years and Harding's naturally lithe habit of body had known an English public school and university training. The result of the conflict was still uncertain when the professor suddenly loosed his hold and fell back, leaving the prize of contention, the led camel, almost in the other's clutch. Harding stooped to seize the creature's halter and rose again to find himself covered by his antagonist's revolver

"Now perhaps the man of science observed, "you will consent to hear reason. No use my good friend as Harding's hand went briskly to his breast pocket I drew the charge while you were asleep this morning in view of possible difficulties. You see I know something of [illegible] English character [illegible] being ready for [illegible] as they arise.

Dick Harding under the covering revolver stood erect and [illegible] to argue further with a man prepared to commit murder on behalf of his tablets of baked clay were simple waste of breath.

Keeping the muzzle of his weapon pointed full at Harding's breast Professor Kirkhoffer mounted his camel made both the great beasts get up and began to move on. As long as Harding remained within running up distance he continued to hold the revolver raised and leveled sitting sideways on his animal to insure an accurate aim But after a minute the camels broke into a long, awkward trot. In two minutes they were beyond pursuit Then the professor pocketed his firearm and threw his leg across the saddle Your own fault remember was his final greeting before he disappeared over the top of the nearest sand dune

When he had disappeared Harding looked about him reviewing the situation. It was no cheerful prospect that met his eye—a dead waste of sand hills to north, south east and west white hot in the glare of the tropical sun Two dark blots alone broke the pale surface of the wilderness, the stiffening bulk of the dead camel and the limp figure of the fever stricken camel driver—truly no pleasant place to die in more especially if you happen to be young and strong and the death to which you stand condemned is death by hunger and thirst. A few hours would exhaust the scanty remains of food and water left in the skin and saddlebag lying hard by the dead camel and then—

Harding shook off anticipations of coming torture to take stock of his wretched commissariat and rummaging in the bag, found a priceless treasure, nothing less than an untouched bottle of quinine! Why with this he might hope to revive the Khirgiz, whose case, but for the supposed exhaustion of the expedition's medicine chest, had never been a serious one. Escape was yet possible.

Escape! From a trackless wilderness in which they could only wander aimlessly to and fro, having no single instrument by which to determine their position or point the way? Having his ~~~ husband's pack, the professor had carried off everything.

No, not everything Even as this thought sank like a stone into Harding's heart his eye fell upon something glittering at his foot. With a shaking hand he grasped it, lifted it—and broke into a cry of mingled triumph and thanks giving which startled the Khirgiz from his lethargy Pushing back his long hair the man made an effort to sit up.

"The master?" Where is the master he asked looking about him in surprise

Harding laughed grimly "Heaven alone knows since he has left his compass here

And heaven alone knows to this hour the course of the wretched Kirkhoffer's wandering When Harding and the Khirgiz guided by the instrument which he had dropped in his scuffle with the Englishman reached after manifold toils and sufferings, the confines of human habitation they could obtain no tidings of their vanished chief And although Harding insisted on organizing a new expedition to search for him its labors were fruitless.

His fate remains as unknown to the world as the history of that ancient empire whose records he buried with him in the sands of central Asia —Chicago News.

JAMES COULDN'T IMAGINE

A Story That a New York Clubwoman Tells About Herself

Here is a good story which a clubwoman tells about herself

At one time she says, "we had a colored butler who staid with us for years, and who admired my husband immensely He thought that Dr H. was a marvel of manly beauty, as well as the embodiment of all the virtues, domestic professional and otherwise. Of course I quite agreed with the butler on this point, but the fact is I sometimes pined to have him pass his enthusiastic compliments around to the family and not bestow them all on the doctor So one morning, when Dr H. had just left the breakfast table and was even then to be seen an imposing picture as he stood on the front steps drawing on his gloves I remarked to James

"'Dr H is a handsome man isn't he?'

"'Yes, ma am. Deed an he is, ma am with gratifying enthusiasm

"Then hoping to get a rise from James, I added with an absentminded air as if I scarcely knew what I said but was just uttering my inmost thoughts

"'How in the world do you suppose that such a handsome man as Dr H. ever happened to marry such a homely woman as I am?'

"Well James just stopped short and rolled his eyes and shook his head as if he gave it up. Then he ejaculated,

"'Heaven knows ma am'" —New York Sun

It Must Be Torture

Dr Nachtigal the celebrated African explorer was the guest of a rich Hamburg merchant. The merchant's son a young man of a somewhat sentimental temperament said among other things that his dearest wish was to ride across the desert on the back of a camel He thought such a ride must be very poetical indeed

"My dear young friend replied the explorer I can tell you how you can get a partial idea of what riding a camel on the deserts of Africa is like Take an office stool screw it up as high as possible and put it in a wagon without any springs Then seat yourself on the stool and have it driven over rocky and uneven ground during the hottest weather of July or August and after you have not had anything to eat or drink for 24 hours and then you will get a faint idea of how delightfully poetic it is to ride on a camel in the wilds of Africa

Misplaced Sympathy

There was once a paterfamilias who was eloquently indignant about the way his daughters imposed upon the laundress in the matter of white petticoats in winter "It was a shame at all seasons he said but in cold weather with no excuse for wash skirts it was cruel to ask that poor hardworking girl to slave and toil over their washing as she was obliged to do

One day the paterfamilias happening to pass through the laundry tore up stairs white with rage to where his daughters were Well girls, he cried this is too much White petticoats in winter are bad enough but when it comes to such white petticoats as I saw Delia breaking her back over just now down stairs—ruffles from top to hem and tucks and lace and embroidery—why it's a day's work to look at one of them If you must have such extravagant fripperies for heaven's sake have them plain

The daughters investigated Since the last paternal outburst they had given up white petticoats either ruffled or plain and in either spring summer autumn or winter It was as they feared the extravagant fripperies, ruffled from top to hem over which poor Delia was breaking her back were the property of poor Delia herself

His Plan Was Simple

Frederick the Great once requested his generals to submit to him plans of campaign for a suppositious case Hans Joachim von Ziethen the famous cavalry general produced a queer diagram in black ink It represented a big blot in the center intersected by two black lines, whose four terminals ended each in a smaller blot The king was furious and upbraided his [illegible] in terms bitterly for what he considered disrespect

In explanation Von Ziethen said Why your majesty I am the large blot in the center the enemy is any one of the four smaller blots He can march upon me from the right or left from the front or rear If he does I simply advance upon any of the four lines and lick him where I find him

Frederick was satisfied

They Ought to Unite

Here is a story of a Milwaukee couple who agreed to separate after 15 years of married life They continued to reside within a block of each other and to pass the time of day impersonally when they met When the silver anniversary of the wedding came on both celebrated it although separately Two church ceremonies were performed in the church where they were wedded ? years before the husband's ceremony being at 8 o'clock in the morning and the wife's at 9 That evening each gave a reception at the residence at the same hour and the same friends called to pay their respects, successively going from one house to the other —Milwaukee Sentinel.

Still More Counterfeiting.

The Secret Service has unearthed another band of counterfeiters and secured a large quantity of bogus bills, which are so cleverly executed that the average person would never suspect them of being spurious. Things of great value are always selected by counterfeiters for imitation notably the celebrated Hostetter's Stomach Bitters which has many imitators but no equals for indigestion, dyspepsia constipation nervousness and general debility The Bitters set things right in the stomach, and when the stomach is in good order it makes good blood and plenty of it In this manner the Bitters get at the seat of strength and vitality and restore vigor to the weak and debilitated Beware of counterfeiters when buying

Happy is the man or woman who can eat a good hearty meal without suffering afterward If you cannot do it take Kodol Dyspepsia Cure It digests what you eat and cures all forms of dyspepsia and indigestion A B Armstrong & Co.

J Shaer, Sedalia Mo conductor on electric street car line, writes that his little daughter was very low with croup and her life saved after all physicians had failed only by using One Minute Cough Cure. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

No Poached Eggs For Her

There is an old lady in a charming out of the way village whose opinions of "artist chaps" and "Lunnon ways" are unpromising.

On one occasion a wandering knight of the brush secured a night's lodging at her cottage.

Early next morning he was asked what he would like for breakfast

"Oh was the reply, "a couple of eggs will do poached mind you'

"Beg pardon sir"—

"I said a couple of eggs, poached," repeated the artist in a louder tone.

The old lady stiffened her back, opened the door and pointed out into the road

"Clear out o my house!" she commanded I'd have you know as I respects my neighbor's property and I ain't no poacher Such goings on may do in Lunnon but they won't do in Loamshire

The artist endeavored to explain but the lady would not listen and he did not break his fast in that house

"Painters was allus a bad lot" were the last words he heard before she shut the door behind him "but gettin honest fowls to poach eggs for em's quite a new dodge London Telegraph

Improved the Opportunity

Peter Foote long since dead, used to be a police magistrate in Chicago Foote was intensely Irish and loved to show it

One day a dudishly attired young fellow calling himself Frederick Edwards, and plainly betokening by his speech that he hadn't been long from the shores of England was arraigned before the justice charged with lounging about the parks. When he was arrested, he showed fight and had to be dragged to the patrol box

"E urted me feelin's badly, your worship, said the prisoner when in the dock the following morning "E it me on the sole of me fote an'—

"I don't think you've any feelings in your soul growled the sympathizer of downtrodden Ireland "And another thing you must remember you're in America now In England you object to an Irishman wearing the green. Here we object to Englishmen lying on it. $1 and costs And the justice pinched himself to look unconcerned while the Briton begged the clerk to cut the fine down to a bob. —Chicago Chronicle.

A Trap of Her Own Setting

We have all met people whose pride in their own possessions is so great that they can see no charms in those of others. A young botanist was showing a party of ladies and gentlemen through a conservatory and explaining to them the properties of some of the choicest plants. Among the visitors was a would be young looking middle aged lady who at every description volunteered the statement that the plants and flowers she had at home were quite the equal of anything here or indeed any where.

Just as they were passing a giant cactus she was heard to exclaim

"Well this is nothing extraordinary I have a cactus at home that is still larger I planted and reared it myself

"Reared it yourself!" the professor gently observed. "How remarkable! This specimen is 63 years old and if yours is still larger"—

The lady did not stay to hear any more, but executed a strategic movement to the rear

His Mother's Son

"My niece Mary was always a well meaning girl, but she would say the wrong thing almost every time, said one old gentleman to another, 'and she's got a boy that's going to be her very counterpart.

The old gentleman's eyes twinkled, and his ugly good natured face was puckered with enjoyment as he drew from his pocketbook a small sheet of note paper

"I sent Hal a toy monkey that plays all kinds of pranks when it's wound up, said he chuckling "Now you listen to this letter of thanks I got from him He's just 8 years old

Dear Uncle Ned—I am delited with the munkey thank you He makes me think of you very offen And whenever mamma winds him up and he begans to jump mamma and I feel as if we were back at your house where all the toys are and mamma will look at the munkey and say That's your Uncle Ned all over Goodbye from your greatfull Hal.

—Youth's Companion

Way Up In It.

The fair young girl looked at the gilded clock on the mantel.

"I don't want to hurry you Mr Slowgo she sweetly explained as she met his questioning look "but the fact is it is almost time for ma to come home from the club And I just want to say this If ma says, 'I move we adjourn, don't you attempt to lay it on the table or to raise a point of order or anything else that's foolish because you might as well understand right here and now that ma's simply a bowling Jim dandy when it comes to the rules of parliamentary procedure and don't you hesitate to recollect it!

—Cleveland Plain Dealer

Explained.

The Cleveland Plain Dealer tells a story to show that there is sometimes a great deal in the way of putting any thing

"I understand that you said my eldest daughter was as homely as a mud fence professor

"You are quite mistaken, my dear madam What I said was that your esteemed child reminded me of a mixture of [illegible] and [illegible] common [illegible] practical [illegible] understanding

Oh is that all? Dine with us on Sunday professor

A Matter of Home Discipline.

A child should never be discussed within his own hearing. Unfortunate is that family where the little ones learn that they may appeal successfully from one parent to another or where upon one falls the onus of every necessary denial or reproof while the other stands sponsor for every pleasure and indulgence Let us spare no secret effort as parents to appear a unit to the child — Elaine Goodale Eastman in Woman's Home Companion.

The first duel known to have taken place upon American soil occurred in 1630 when Edward Doty and Edward Leister servants of a New England colonist named Hopkins, fought over some trifling matter with swords. Neither was seriously injured but both were severely punished by the provincial authorities.

He Saved Red Tape.

The late Senator Morrill of Vermont, was as careful of the public property as if he bought and paid for it out of his private purse He always carefully untied and saved the piece of red tape that came around his mail in consequence of which his room was the only committee room that never made a requisition for tape.

A Mistake Corrected

It has been said that speech was given man to conceal his thoughts. This is not the true answer Speech was given to man to prevent other people from talking —Boston Transcript.

Mated.

"There's no fool like the old man who married a young woman."

"I don't know There's the young woman who marries the old man."—Chicago Record.

In the eighteenth century begging was a frightful nuisance in the German states. In Bavaria whole regiments had to be sent out to arrest and punish the professional beggars, and Cologne, with a population of only 40 000, had nearly 10 000 paupers.

The telegraph messengers in populous French towns use bicycles for the distribution of their telegrams.

Quaint Old Colonial D[illegible]

New Amsterdam had been [illegible] hands four years when this quaint and curious customs order the object in existence and but recently unearthed [illegible] a mass of colonial records, was [illegible]

"Instructions for Mr Cornelius Van Ruyven Collector of the Customes in ye City of New York by Order of Colonell Francis Lovelace Governour May 24 1668.

"You or yr clerk are to be dayly at ye Custome House from nine in ye morning untill twelve at noone There to receive ye Customes both in and out as the Merchants shall come & enter ye merchant is to make fayre Bills and signe them with his hand writing his name to them & ye same time when you have signed ye Warrant or one of ye Bills you are to demand ye Custome either in kinde at 10 P Cent inwards or double ye vallue of its first Cost in Holland in Beaver And likewise outwards for Peltry you are to receive 10½ P Cent according to ye vallue in Beaver for Tobacco one half penny Pr pound Sterling which is noe more than all Englishmen doe pay * * * You to tell ye Merchant you are not to give credit * * * If they doe not like your propositions, you are not to pass their Bills * * *

"And Lastly pray lett ye Books be kept all in English and all Factoryes and Papers, that when I have occasion to satisfy myself I may better understand them

A Joke on the Jap.

The Japanese students at our colleges find the American sense of humor as it is expressed by the other students about them a somewhat peculiar thing but not at all hard to understand. In fact it is quite simple and elementary A Japanese gentleman who was a student at Harvard not long ago relates that he was asked by some of his American fellow students to "teach them some Japanese words. He began by giving them "Good morning in Japanese. This phrase is represented in Japanese by a word which in English equivalents cannot be more closely represented than by the word "Ohio The boys were interested and promised to remember it

Next morning when the Japanese student came to the lecture room he found a group of the boys gathered to give him the morning salutation in Japanese.

"Pennsylvania! shouted one of them

"Kentucky! yelled another

"Virginia" "New Hampshire" "Rhode Island" still others called.

But not one of them said "Ohio! It was the American idea of a great joke The young Japanese was much edified and made a note of it.—Boston Transcript

Petrified Water

That beautiful transparent stone called Tabriz marble much used in the burial places of Persia and in their grandest edifices consists of the petrified water of ponds in certain parts of the country This petrification may be traced from its commencement to its termination In one part the water is clear in a second it appears thicker and stagnant in a third quite black and in its last stage it is white like frost

When the operation is complete a stone thrown on its surface makes no impression and one may walk over it without wetting one's shoes The substance thus produced is brittle and transparent and sometimes richly striped with red green and copper color So much is this marble which may be cut into large slabs looked upon as a luxury that none but the king his nobles and persons especially privileged are permitted to take it

Fastidious Snakes

Mr A B Baker of the national zoological park notes that the large snakes refuse to eat rats captured about the buildings, but quickly devour those caught out of doors Rats taken indoors were then kept for a day or so in a cage with an earth floor after which they were readily eaten A very similar experience was had with smaller snakes copperheads these declining to eat house mice permitting them to run about the cage or even over their bodies with impunity while field mice were quickly taken even after they had been dead for some little time These facts seem to show that snakes have a very keen sense of smell and are largely guided by it in the choice of their food. —Science

Using the Left Hand

The superiority of Japanese drawing can probably be traced to the custom of that land to make the children practice painting and drawing without the use of any stick or supporting device for the hand They are taught to draw at the same time they are taught to write the letters of the alphabet and they are taught to use both hands equally in the task

The natural preference given to the right arm has been explained physiologically by the construction of the veins and nerves that enter the arms those of the right arm being more prominent The reverse is the case in the few who are naturally left handed.

His Criticism

When the first edition of the "Seasons came out the poet sent a handsomely bound copy to Sir Gilbert Elliott of Minto, who had shown him kindness. Sir Gilbert took the book to his gardener a relative of Thomson who turned it over and over in his hands, gazing at it in admiration. Sir Gilbert said

"Well David what do you think o' James Thomson now? There's a book that will make him famous the world over and immortalize his name

"In truth," said David "it is a grand book. I didna think the lad had ingenuity enow to ha' done sich a neat piece o' handicraft.

Mutual Obligations.

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It had a curious interest for me somehow It was the face of a man of middle age [illegible] well preserved but with hair pretty gray and with marks at the outer corners of his eyes showing where the crow had stepped on him lightly to be sure but the marks of crow's feet nevertheless the face of a man of years But [illegible] gray [illegible] and a fascinating thing about it was its startling resemblance to my own [illegible] was almost startling but a moment later when I looked at it I saw [illegible] of my own head produced with corresponding movement [illegible] mirror I realized that what I saw was indeed a reflection of my own face and that for a moment I had seen myself as I was

But when I got home I looked in the glass there And did I see any middle aged folks now? Not by a jugful. I saw the man I wanted to see A little gray perhaps? Yes a little gray. Crow's feet? Yes if you want to call em so. I'm no spring chicken I don't set out to be that—that is not this spring—but I'm a young man still for all that and I'm going to remain so for many years to come despite what the mirror in the elevator said —New York Sun

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"If I was to commit suicide at sea said Weary Walker as he shifted the hay band on his left foot. I'd jump from the bow of the boat

"An why not from the stern" queried Limpy Lannigan

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Watson What [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] By [illegible] Mrs [illegible] [illegible]

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Trains arrive at Smethport daily except Sunday, at 1 35 a m [illegible] 4 20 p m and [illegible] p m

JNO C McKENNA
Gen Pass Agt
Bradford Pa

COUDERSPORT & PORT ALLEGANY R R
Time Table taking effect Monday June 13, 1898

AR EASTWARD			STATIONS	LV WESTWARD		
A M	A M	P M		A M	P M	A M
9 [illegible]	7 [illegible]	2 16	Ulysses	[illegible]	[illegible]	10 [illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Crowell	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
8 28		1 5[illegible]	Carpenter		2 41	[illegible]
8 19		1 53	Lerk [illegible]		2 44	[illegible]
8 16	7 02	1 50	[illegible]	[illegible]	2 46	[illegible]
		1 45	Newfield	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	6 54	1 41	Gold	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	1 35	Raymond	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
7 15	[illegible]	1 24	Seven Bridges	8 11	3 11	10 [illegible]
7 10	6 [illegible]	1 21	Colesburg	8 14	3 14	[illegible]
7 00	[illegible]	1 14	Frinks	8 [illegible]	[illegible]	11 00
6 50		[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]	11 20
6 45	[illegible]	[illegible]	Coudersport	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
4 20	7 57	[illegible]	Coudersport	[illegible]	[illegible]	1 30
		12 [illegible]	Hammond			
4 [illegible]	7 [illegible]	[illegible]	Olmsted	[illegible]	[illegible]	1 27
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Mina	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]		[illegible]	Knowlton		[illegible]	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Roulette	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Burtville	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]	
[illegible]			[illegible]			
[illegible]	[illegible]	12,10	Port Allegany	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
P M	P M	P M	Depart Arrive	A M	P M	P M

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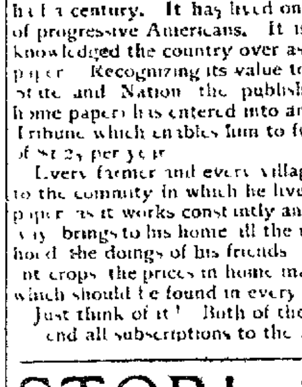

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Trains leave Smethport for [illegible] as follows

Buffalo Express daily except Sunday [illegible]
Buffalo Mail daily except Sunday [illegible]
Local for Olean daily except Sunday 12 [illegible]

Train leaving Smethport [illegible] connects at Olean with River Division for Allegany Salamanca, Oil City and Pittsburg

For Clermont and points south

Clermont Local daily ex Sunday [illegible]
Clermont Accom daily ex Sunday 12 [illegible]
Clermont Accom daily ex Sunday [illegible]

Clermont Local connects through to Johnsonburg

For Larrabee, Port Allegany, Coudersport and points south

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Mail daily [illegible] connects at Emporium for Philadelphia [illegible]

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PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD

PHILADELPHIA & ERIE DIVISION TIME TABLE. In effect Nov [illegible]

TRAINS LEAVE EMPORIUM JUNCTION EASTWARD

[illegible] a m—Train [illegible] week days for Sunbury Wilkesbarre, Scranton, Hazleton Pottsville Harrisburg and intermediate stations arriving at Philadelphia 6 23 p m New York [illegible] p m Baltimore 6 00 p m, Washington 7 [illegible] p m Pullman Parlor car from Williamsport to Philadelphia, and passenger coaches from Kane to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Baltimore and Washington

3 25 p m—Train 8, week days for Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 4 30 a m, New York 7 [illegible] a m, Pullman sleeping cars from Harrisburg to Philadelphia and New York Philadelphia passengers can remain in sleeper undisturbed until 7.30 a. m

[illegible] p m—Train [illegible] daily for Sunbury Harrisburg and intermediate stations arriving at Philadelphia 6 52 a m, New York 9 33 a m week days (10 38 a m Sundays) Baltimore 6 25 a m Washington 7 45 a m Pullman sleeping cars from Erie and Williamsport to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Washington and passenger cars from Erie to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Baltimore Passengers in sleeper for Baltimore and Washington will be transferred into Washington sleeper at Williamsport.

WESTWARD.

[illegible] m—Train [illegible] week days for Erie, Ridgway Du Bois Clermont and intermediate stations [illegible] Train [illegible] daily for Erie and [illegible] week [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] TRAINS for EMPORIUM JUNCTION FROM THE EAST AND SOUTH

[illegible] leave New York 8 0[illegible] p m Philadelphia [illegible] p m Washington 7 30 p m Baltimore 8 40 p m arriving at Emporium Junction [illegible] with Pullman sleepers [illegible] passenger [illegible] Philadelphia to [illegible] Washington to [illegible] Williamsport

[illegible] leaves New York 7 40 p m Philadelphia 11 20 p m Washington 10 40 p m [illegible] 11.55 p m daily arriving at Emporium Junction 10 40 a m, with Pullman Palace sleeping cars from Philadelphia to Williamsport and passenger coaches from [illegible] and Baltimore to [illegible] Pullman sleeper Philadelphia [illegible]

[illegible] leaves Philadelphia [illegible] a m Washington [illegible] a m Baltimore [illegible] a m Wilkesbarre [illegible] a m week days arriving at Emporium Junction [illegible] p m with Pullman Parlor car from Philadelphia to Williamsport and passenger coaches from Philadelphia

JOHNSONBURG RAILROAD

Week days

NORTH	STATIONS	SOUTH
A M [illegible]		AR A M
[illegible]	Ridgway	[illegible]
[illegible]	Johnsonburg	11 [illegible]
2	[illegible]	11 20
[illegible]	Glen Hazel	11 15
[illegible]	Straight	11 4
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Woodvale	[illegible]
[illegible]	Clermont	[illegible]
A M		A M

Connections are made with train 3, leaving Johnsonburg at [illegible] a m for Erie and intermediate points arriving at Erie at 1 45 p m and at Ridgway with train [illegible] leaving Ridgway [illegible] p m for Philadelphia New York Baltimore and Washington

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[illegible] p m—Buffalo Express—Daily For Limestone Carrollton Salamanca, Ellicottville Springville Collins and Buffalo.

LEAVE MT JEWETT—SOUTH BOUND

[illegible] a m—Accommodation—For Johnsonburgh Ridgway Brockwayville DuBois and Punxsutawney

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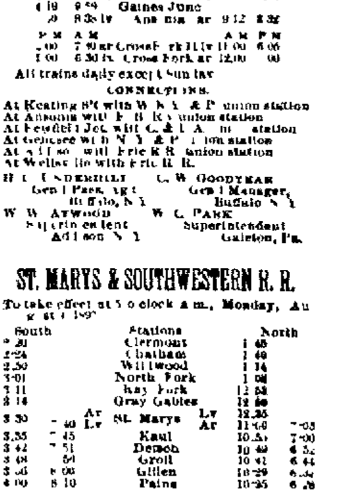

Buffalo and Susquehanna Railroad and Connections

BUFFALO & SUSQUEHANNA RAILROAD

Condensed time table in effect March 5, 1899

Read up				Read down		
A M	P M	P M		A M	P M	P M
8 05	[illegible]	1 25 ar	Keating Sum lv		12.40	7 [illegible]
8 10	[illegible]	12.[illegible]	Austin	[illegible]	1 05	[illegible]
[illegible]		11 [illegible]	Costello	[illegible]	1 14	
[illegible]		11 42	Wharton	[illegible]	1 28	
[illegible]		10 58	Cross Fork Jct	[illegible]	2 [illegible]	
5 3[illegible]		1 [illegible]	Corbett	8 11	2 38	
5 [illegible]		[illegible]	Germania	[illegible]	2.47	
		10 15 lv	Galeton ar	[illegible]		
P M	A M					
7 13	2 55	1 55 ar	Galeton lv	[illegible]	2.58	
6 55	1 4[illegible]	1 4[illegible]	Gaines Junc	8 5	[illegible]	
[illegible]	12 [illegible]	8 [illegible]	Westfield	[illegible]	[illegible]	
[illegible]	11 [illegible]	[illegible]	Knoxville	[illegible]	[illegible]	
5 55	11 41	8.06	Osceola	[illegible]	4 0[illegible]	
5.51	11 30	8 00	Elkland	10 05	4 11	
5 15	11 05	7 15 lv	Addison ar	10 34	4 43	
P M	A M	A M		A M	P M	
	P M	A M		A M	P M	
	5.10	10 0[illegible] ar	Galeton lv	6.30	1 [illegible]	
	4 5[illegible]	9 41	Walton	6.4[illegible]	1 [illegible]	
	4 [illegible]	9.[illegible]	Newfield Jct.	[illegible] 13	1 50	
	4 09	8 53	West Bingham	7 30	2.06	
	3 5[illegible]	8 48	Genesee	[illegible] 41	2 1[illegible]	
	3 53	8 43	Shongo	[illegible] 46	2 24	
	3.30	8.20 lv	Wellsville ar	8.06	2 46	
	P M	A M		A M	P M	
	4 40	10 [illegible] ar	Galeton lv	[illegible]	2.00	
	4 19	9 5[illegible]	Gaines Junc			
	[illegible]	9 3[illegible] lv	Ansonia ar	9 12	2 3[illegible]	
	P M	A M		A M	P M	
	[illegible]	7 40 ar	Cross Fork Jct lv	11 00	6 06	
	7 00	6 30 lv	Cross Fork ar	12.00	[illegible]	

All trains daily except Sunday

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At Newfield Jct with C & P A union station
At Genesee with N Y & P union station
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To take effect at 5 o'clock a m., Monday, August [illegible] 189[illegible]

South			Stations		North	
[illegible] 20			Clermont		1 45	
2.24			Chatham		1 40	
2.30			Wildwood		1 34	
3.01			North Fork		1 08	
3 11			Hay Fork		12 58	
3 14			Gray Gables		12 [illegible]	
3 30	[illegible] 40	Ar Lv	St. Marys	Lv Ar	12.35 11 [illegible]	7 05
3.35	[illegible] 45		Kaul		10.[illegible]	7 00
3 42	[illegible] 51		Dehoh		10 49	6 5[illegible]
3 48	[illegible]		Groll		10 41	6 44
3 [illegible]	8 00		Gillen		10 29	6 [illegible]
4 00	8 10		Paine		10 25	6 [illegible]
4 0[illegible]	8 15		Centreville		10 21	6 [illegible]
4 14	8 [illegible]		Dagus Crossing		10 16	6 1[illegible]
4 2[illegible]	8.30		Shelvey Summit		10 06	6 06
4.30	8 36		Caneo		9.58	5.52
4 35	8 40		Thompson		9.5[illegible]	5 [illegible]
4 3[illegible]	8 43		Curry		9 4[illegible]	5 4[illegible]
[illegible] 41	8 49		Brandy Camp		9 43	5 4[illegible]
4 46	8.51		Elbon		9 40	5 40
4 50	8.55		Hyde		9 34	5 35
5 10	9 0[illegible]		Shawmut		9 15	5 15
p m	a m.				a m	p m

NEW WAGON and PAINT SHOP.

I have started a Wagon and Carriage Shop in [illegible] building on State street and am prepared to do all kinds of wagon and carriage painting and repairing Will also furnish the people of Smethport and the [illegible] entrusting me with their work I have had [illegible] years experience and invite comparison.

John Servatius, - Smethport, Pa.